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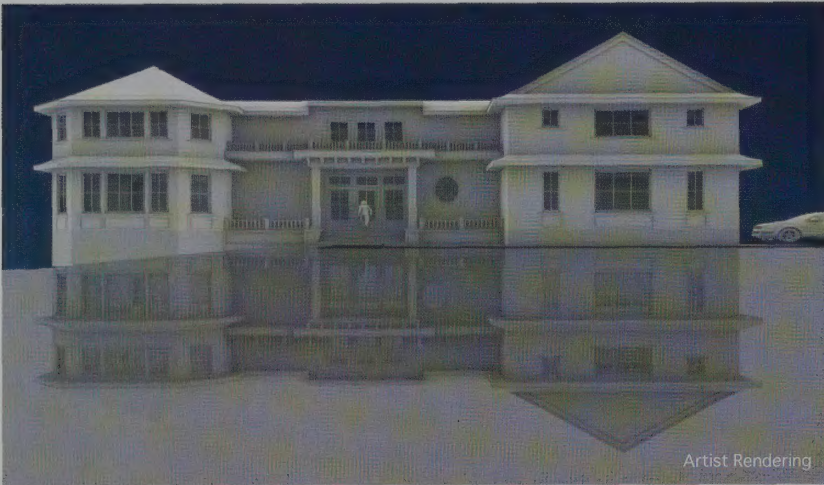
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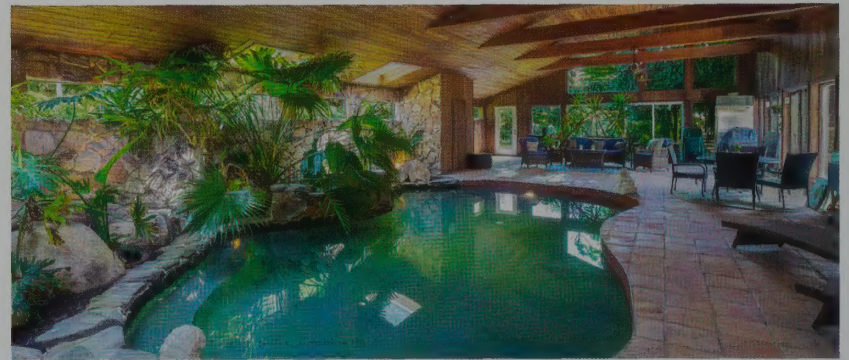
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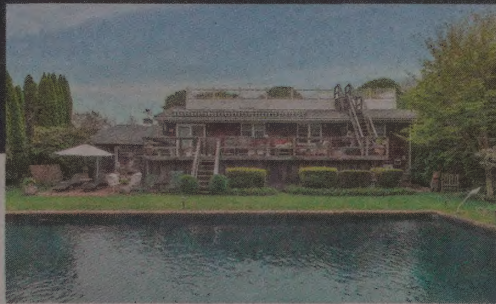
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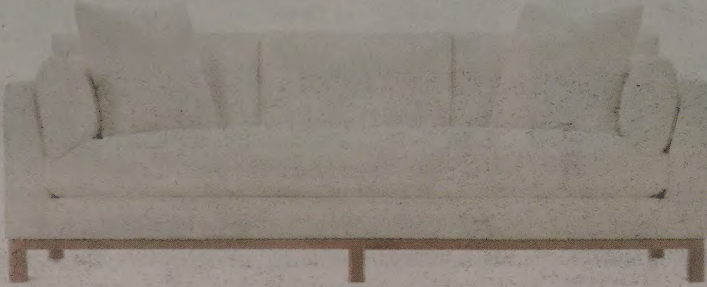
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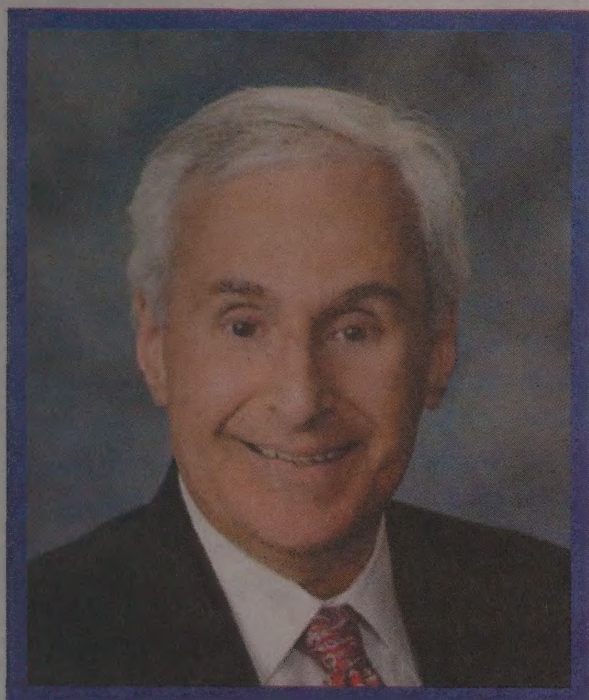
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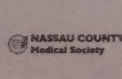
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Don't miss the Dan Rattiner Podcast: Who's Here in the Hamptons


Episode 17: This week's podcast is with Jesse Warren, the young mayor of Southampton village. Dan spoke with him about his upbringing in Roslyn, his education, his decade-long work as a prominent merchant in Southampton and his decision to run based on his desire to improve the community. Our discussion covered the pollution in Lake Agawam, the reconstruction of the Southampton home where former slave Pyrrhus Concer once lived, a new project involving the Southampton African American Museum and the new *Dan's Papers* drive-by SculptTour program.

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We applaud town leaders for approving the project's real estate rights and Host Community Agreement – agreements built upon years of collaboration, which will deliver \$29 million in direct community investment and include extensive protections for residents and the environment.

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& NORTH TOO...



ANDY COHEN

E! has unveiled the release date for Hamptonite **Andy Cohen's** new series, *For Real: The Story of Reality TV*. Premiering March 25, the documentary series explores the history and rise of reality TV, from Cohen's own *Real Housewives* franchise to other shows, including *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*, *The Real World* and more.

Speaking of reality TV, the cast of *The Real Housewives of New York City* spent Valentine's Day weekend in the Hamptons. The ladies enjoyed some time at Calissa in Water Mill learning how to cook a whole fish during a Galentine's Day meal.

Congratulations to Sagaponack resident and author **David S. Reynolds**, whose book, *Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Time*, has been awarded the 2021 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize. Reynolds will be recognized during a virtual event hosted by Gettysburg College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History on April 19. The award includes a \$50,000 prize and a bronze replica of Augustus Saint-Gaudens' life-size bust, "Lincoln the Man."

East Hampton's **Steven Spielberg** is being honored with Israel's Genesis Prize. *The Hollywood Reporter* reports that Spielberg won the \$1 million grant for his contribution to cinema, philanthropy and work on preserving the memory of the Holocaust. The Genesis Prize writes that is "recognizes Mr. Spielberg for outstanding achievement as one the most influential filmmakers in the history of cinema, his social activism, prolific philanthropy,



STEVEN SPIELBERG

and his principled stance against anti-Semitism and all forms of intolerance. For the first time, the voice of global Jewry was a major factor in Laureate selection: 200,000 Jews on six continents cast their votes for the 2021 Laureate. That Spielberg received the most votes was a major factor in his selection by the Prize Committee. We welcome Steven Spielberg to the distinguished family of Genesis Prize honorees."



RALPH MACCHIO

Spielberg continues to be a busy filmmaker, with his new vision of *West Side Story* set for release late this year.

This year's Screen Actors Guild (SAG) Awards include several East End-related nominees. Among the nominees are *Bridgerton* (featuring the voice of Sag Harborite **Julie Andrews**), *Cobra Kai* (starring East Hampton's **Ralph Macchio**) and *The Undoing* (which filmed key scenes in East Marion). Check out the complete list of nominees at *DansPapers.com* and watch the SAG Awards on Sunday, April 4.

East Ender **Drew Barrymore** has been named the first Garnier Celebrity Creative Director. The beauty brand announced that Barrymore would work with the company to promote its Whole Blends Sulfate-Free Remedy Collection. "I've been a fan of Garnier Whole Blends since trying the Olive products last summer," Barrymore said in a statement. "So when they approached me with the idea to help them launch the new clean beauty Sulfate Free Remedy Collection, I was all in. The products are amazing and good for your hair, but what's even better is that the brand is doing so many good things to give back and help make the planet greener, they have a total end-to-end approach to sustainability, Greener Beauty, and work with NGOs such as the Bee Conservancy, protecting 10 million bees, and that's really important to me." Barrymore currently hosts the syndicated talk show, *The Drew Barrymore Show*.

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Let's be real about South Fork Wind.

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You've stood strong for the community at every point, demanding leadership from the Town Board and Trustees to make sure we build this critical project the right way. Many of you have championed the project. With your strong input, we've reached agreements with Town leaders on the project's real estate rights and Host Community Agreement – agreements built upon years of collaboration, which will deliver \$29 million in direct community investment and include extensive protections for residents and the environment.

But there are critics trying to float a narrative that we all know just isn't the truth.

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There's real momentum for South Fork Wind. We're proud to have earned your support and to be working with you to realize a real clean-energy future for us all.



Long Island Winterfest Continues with Love Axe-tually at Long Ireland Beer Company

Long Ireland Beer Company and Alpha Axe Throwing put their own spin on Valentine's Day by hosting two fun events, Axes & Exes and aXes & O's. Guests took their turn showing off their throwing skills as they enjoyed craft beer and delicious food. Photographs by Barbara Lassen



1. Owner of Alpha Axe Throwing Vincent Hopkins, Long Ireland Beer Co. Manager Sheila Malone
2. Alyssa McCaffrey, Michele Jiraneck, Zach Rein, Joe Guiliano, Lorraine McCaffrey
3. Chris Chason, Frank Shepard, Danielle Geller, Tom Donnelly

4. Patrick Keller and Deena Nolan of Long Ireland Beer Company
5. Caitlin Buthmann, Lexi Martone
6. Cheryl Cassone and Irene Bateman
7. Ken Rymer, AJ Travis, Nancy Rymer
8. Dan and Alyssa Manzella with their new puppy Balor, who is affectionately named after Long Ireland Beer Company's Balor IPA
9. Edgar Villas of Island Time Catering Co.

10. Mary Ellen and George Harkin
11. Joe K., Liz L., Joe Welling, Katie Scharf
12. Stephen Klos, Jennie Porcillo
13. Rose and Rich Inserra
14. Rob and Deb Derby
15. Amanda Pannenbacker, Shawn Burnes
16. Michelle Herbst, Staci Herbst, Mike Herbst
17. Valerie Krause, Ted Gustafson
18. Kerrienne Vulpis, Tom Dolan

Luv Michael Granologists Raise Money for Julia

Luv Michael's employees decided to help out Julia by making delicious vegan chocolate cakes and watercolor bookmarks to give as a thank you to those who donated to Julia's Fund initiated by the Dormition of the Virgin Mary's Church in Southampton. Big thanks to Luv Michael culinary instructor Chef Nicki Bougie and art teacher, Kim Cause as well as our community family, Dr. Paul Strassfield, Thanasi, Dr. John Halikias, Melina Angelson, Greta Nikiteas, Adrean Northridge, Xanthi Karloutsos and Father Constantine Lazarakis. Photo courtesy of Lisa Liberatore, MD, Founder of Luv Michael

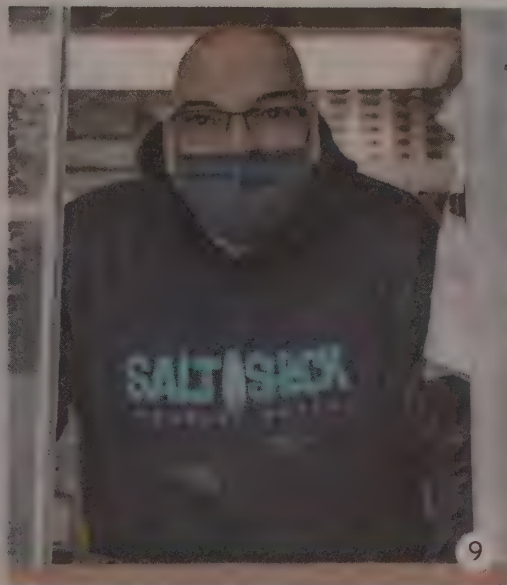


Elias, Dimitri, Christian, Obi, Jenna, Michael and Orion In front is Julia (for whom we are raising funds).





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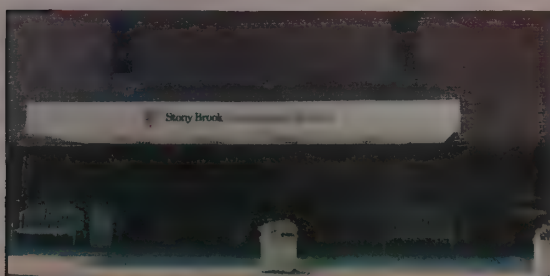
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NEWS & VIEWS

East Quogue Man Ran Fake Car Insurance Company, DA Says

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

An East Quogue man has been accused of being the ringleader of an alleged scheme to sell fraudulent car insurance to members of the East End Hispanic immigrant community, Suffolk County prosecutors said.

Eddy Belteton-Reyes, 45, was charged with scheme to defraud, criminal possession of a forged instrument, and grand larceny, all of which are felonies, and misdemeanor counts of petty larceny. Facing similar charges is 41-year-old Juan Carlos Zarate Rodriguez of Riverhead, who was one of five people arrested in the case.

"These defendants were not only stealing thousands of dollars from residents, but leaving them unprotected by insurance," said Suffolk County District Attorney Timothy D. Sini, noting that the scheme crossed state lines. "Because of this fraudulent scheme, we have potentially hundreds of Suffolk County residents on the roads who believe they have insurance coverage when in fact they do not."

Acting on a tip, Southampton Town Police launched the probe in 2019 into a fraudulent company called Protect Auto Insurance Company. The case grew into a joint investigation involving New York State police, Suffolk County police, investigators in Sini's office, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and a half dozen other agencies that used wiretaps, aerial, and electronic surveillance.

Martinez registered vehicles belonging to Suffolk residents in the state of Virginia and obtained Virginia license plates and registrations for the vehicles while Rodriguez assisted by altering New York State titles in order to obtain titles for the vehicles in Virginia, prosecutors said. Victim provided foreign passports, the vehicle's title, and paid between \$800 and \$1,200 up-front payment in order to receive the documents, authorities said.

A purported representative of the fraudulent insurance company then contacted the victims to set up their accounts, with \$80 monthly premiums required to be paid in the form of cash, credit cards, PayPal, Zelle, gift cards or money orders, which were collected in person, according to investigators.

When victims were involved in a crash or other issue that required insurance, the suspects allegedly created excuses as to why the incidents were not covered, including claiming that the driver was at fault or that the insurance coverage was only available to Virginia residents, prosecutors said.

Two other Suffolk men and a woman from Virginia were also charged in the case. Belteton-Reyes and Rodriguez were released without bail after being arraigned Friday at Southampton Town Justice Court. Attorney information for the suspects was not immediately available.

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local news, visit
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INSET: JEFFREY EPSTEIN APPEARS IN A PHOTO TAKEN FOR THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES' SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY MARCH 28, 2017. (NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES/HANDOUT VIA REUTERS). LITTLE ST. JAMES ISLAND, ONE OF THE PROPERTIES OF JEFFREY EPSTEIN, IS SEEN IN AN AERIAL VIEW NEAR CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS JULY 21, 2019.

Epstein Estate Executor from Water Mill Sued by U.S. Atty

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

An accountant from Water Mill who is an executor of convicted pedophile Jeffrey Epstein's \$634 million estate has been accused of helping the late financier run an alleged international sex trafficking ring.

Denise George, the U.S. Attorney for the Virgin Islands — where Epstein's so-called Pedophile Island is located — filed papers February 10 in the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands naming Richard Kahn and Epstein estate co-executor Darren Indyke, an attorney who's a fellow Long Islander, with being "indispensable captains" in the scheme.

"My office has uncovered extensive evidence about the lengths that Epstein and his co-conspirators went to conceal and protect their long-running sex trafficking operation, and many other fraudulent actions," said George, whose office first sued the estate last year.

Epstein, a 66-year-old registered sex offender, killed himself in a Manhattan jail cell in 2019 while awaiting trial on federal sex trafficking charges for allegedly abusing dozens of girls

over the years. Epstein's many high-powered friends over the years have included former Presidents Donald Trump, Bill Clinton, and Prince Andrew.

Kahn's ties to Epstein go back years, nonprofit records show. The accountant was listed as treasurer of The COUQ Foundation dating back to 2009 and as president of Gratitude America Ltd. since 2015, tax records show. Khan and his wife, Lisa, who also own an apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side, purchased their Water Mill home for \$1.5 million in 2016, property records show.

As for George's new claims in her amended lawsuit against the estate, the 76-page complaint alleged Kahn and Indyke "knowingly facilitated" at least three "forced" marriages for Epstein's victims to secure their immigration status "so that they could continue to be available to Epstein for his abuse" before his death. The claims are likely to further slow disbursement of funds to Epstein's victims.

"Neither Mr. Indyke nor Mr. Kahn had any involvement in any misconduct by Mr. Epstein of any kind, at any time," the lawyers said in a statement in which they "categorically reject the allegations of misconduct."

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Second Shinnecock Billboard Up and Running



SHINNECOCK BILLBOARDS NOW GREET DRIVERS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON SUNRISE HIGHWAY.

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The Shinnecock Indian Nation completed on Feb. 11 construction of its second electronic billboard on the side of Sunrise Highway in Hampton Bays.

Completion of the new billboard, which the tribe says will bring in advertising revenue to pay for community programs, comes after the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a stop

work order on the project, which has been the subject of litigation since the first billboard was built in 2019.

"The DOT lacks authority over nation lands," the Shinnecock has said of why it was refusing to stop construction on the billboard. A DOT spokesman had responded that the billboards are "jeopardizing eligibility for federal funding to maintain and renew this section of the highway."

The first billboard was erected on the eastbound side of Route 27 and the second is on the westbound side.

The latest chapter in the feud comes as East End resident Roger Waters, cofounder of seminal British prog-rock band Pink Floyd, told *Newsday* he plans to help fund the Shinnecock's legal defense

Mattituck Man Arrested For Fatal DWI Crash

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A Mattituck man was arrested for allegedly driving drunk after fatally hitting a pedestrian in Riverhead on Feb. 11, Riverhead Town Police said.

Matthew Nemschick was driving on Main Street when he struck the victim, who's name was not immediately released, shortly after 10 p.m., police said. The victim was taken to Peconic Bay Medical Center, where he later died of his injuries.

The 54-year-old suspect was charged with driving while intoxicated. The Riverhead Police Department Detective Division and the New York State Accident Reconstruction Team responded to the scene to assist with the investigation, which is continuing.

Anyone who witnessed the accident is asked to call the Riverhead Police Department at 631-727-4500, all calls will remain confidential.

Man Hired to Lead Hamptons Women's Group Draws Ire

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The Ladies' Village Improvement Society of East Hampton, a 126-year-old nonprofit dedicated to the preservation and beautification of the village, is raising eyebrows after hiring a man to be its executive director.

The group hired Russell Kratoville, the former Village of Southampton administrator who resigned in September at Mayor Jesse Warren's request. But one of the women who applied for the nonprofit's director position blasted the organization for hiring him.

"If you want to know what systemic sexism looks like, here it is," said Morgan Duke Vaughn, noting that she knows of at least one other woman who applied who would have been a good fit. "This is not sour grapes. This is fury after a lifetime of having to be 200% smarter, better, and more connected than the most mediocre guy in the room —



RUSSELL KRATOVILLE

and still not getting the job — even when women are doing the hiring."

The criticism came after the group recently issued a statement announcing Kratoville's hiring.

"Russell's background is tailor-made for the needs of LVIS," the statement said, noting his experience in media relations, finance, management, government, and involvement in nonprofit fundraisers. "In addition to his impressive

resume, his East Hampton family connections go back to the early 1900s."

The group did not respond to a request for comment on the criticism.

"To think that this organization built on the sweat and smarts of women who at the time couldn't even aspire to leadership of this rank, gave its first executive position to a man is beyond my imagination," Vaughn said. "Surely East Hampton's cemeteries are churning."

DAN'S COLUMN

A Trip to New York City

Lobsters, Horses, Walmart, Wendy's, Moderna & Potato Chips

BY DAN RATTINER

For a year now, my wife and I have felt it too risky to go out of the house here in East Hampton very often.

During this year, two more of our grandchildren were born. We have, at the request of our seven grown children who want us safe, seen these new children only briefly, masks up, for a few minutes at a time and mostly outdoors.

But you know this story. You have your own.

What you don't know is that one of our children, just after New Year's, became insistent that we make vaccine reservations. We were eligible. A week later, I had to tell him I'd been online trying but could find nothing.

A week after that, he called to say he'd gotten two for us.

"January 22 at 6 p.m.," he said. "Gotham Health, Sydenham, at 264 West 118th Street in Manhattan."

That was 110 miles from here. A trek. Well, we'd go.

I didn't ask how he'd gotten these reservations, but I have since read about good young people in Queens who hit computer keys over and over to get reservations for total strangers, older people like us, who reach their website to request their help. I suspect that Ben hit the keyboard for us like that.

This year has been particularly challenging for my wife. In normal times, she is a very social person. I've rather enjoyed the time, though. I write and edit these stories every day. I have a book coming out in April. We Zoom a lot. The days fly by.

I've also been doing a lot of reading about the history of this place. And I have come to appreciate how good it is that we are in the Hamptons. We have lived this year much like the early settlers did. An abundance of fresh vegetables, grains, meat and fish are avail-

able. We take forays out to get them, though not by horse as was done then.

We also go on hikes. My wife loves to cook. And it's just the two of us. There's clams, lobsters, potatoes, strawberries, corn, you know the drill. We both have lost weight during this year. She five pounds, me 10. If all of civilization with its McDonald's, Costco and 7-Eleven stores were to collapse, we'd be okay, just as the settlers were.

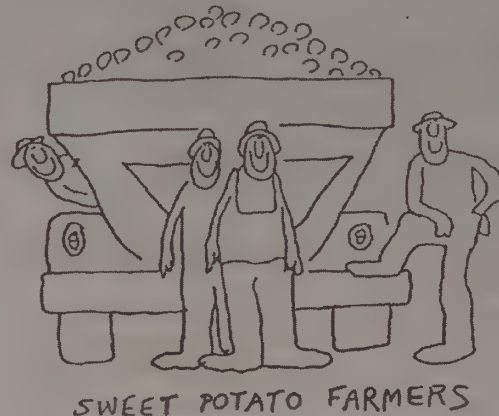
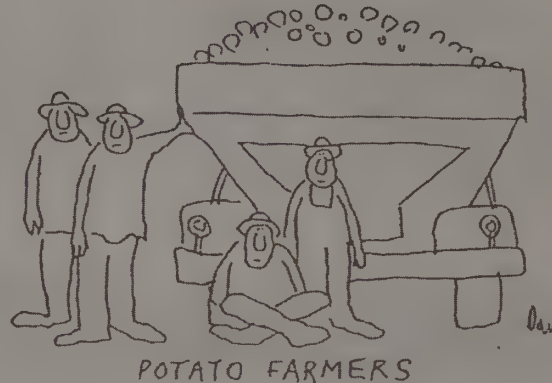
You know, when I was first brought out from the city to the Hamptons as a teenager by my parents in the 1950s, I met lots of local people here who had never in their whole lives been to New York City. I was astonished at this. Saw no reason to, they told me. Their parents never had been to the city either.

Now, I expected that along the busy drive to the city, I'd reacquaint myself with the 21st century, which, when you think about it, may have caused many of the current problems on this planet.

As the date approached, I began to think of what things would be like after we got our shots. We'd see everybody. Do things. Go places. Feel safe. Maybe I'd see the present day through different eyes.

Monday afternoon, January 21, my wife got a phone call. With just 24 hours to go, we were cancelled. No vaccine. But, they told her, they had a new appointment for us. Be there Monday, February 1 at 5:30 p.m.

The news depressed me. I told my wife there was no reason to think we wouldn't be bumped the day before that date too. She suggested we try to stay on the bright side. Meanwhile, the country was in an uproar about a supposedly "stolen" election. Things were begin-



ning to get to me.

As a result — and despite my wife's request that I just leave things alone — I called the Sydenham Clinic the week before this new appointment. I told my wife I'd be polite. And I was.

"We were bumped before," I said. "I'm just hoping we won't have that happen again."

"Well, we don't have any vaccine on hand now, but we expect a delivery. It should be here for your appointment."

"If it comes in any time between now and then we'd be available to come in," I said.

I thanked her very much. Told her to stay safe. And we hung up.

We were in the kitchen eating breakfast. Not 10 minutes later, the phone rang again. It was her. I put it on speakerphone.

"How about today?" she asked. "It

just arrived. Could you be here at 3 p.m.?"

My wife shook her head no. She had Zoom appointments later. I looked her square in the eyes. The no changed to yes.

"We'll be there," I said.

To make sure we would be there on time, we agreed to leave the house at 11:30. There was so much to do. We had to prepare, if necessary, to stay overnight at our city apartment, which we hadn't seen in a year. That meant we had to pack.

We were out of the house and on our way on schedule. We passed Walmart and Popeyes and Target and Wendy's. We stopped at a minimart in Manorville and I went in and got bad-for-you potato chips and we stretched our legs.

We arrived an hour early. A tent was set up on the front lawn of this small hospital. Nurses and doctors were there. We checked in, they said come on in and we'll give you the shots right now, and they did.

Afterwards, they had us sit to see if we'd have a bad reaction. When there wasn't any, we got lollipops. And an appointment for a second shot on February 21.

On the way home, I got a call from Michael, the daughter of Bob Schepps, the owner of Hampton Bagel on North Main Street. Bob's a good hard-working man and a longtime friend.

"I thought you would like to know that Bob died last week," she said.

I tried to comfort her. Bob was in his 60s.

"It was Covid," she said. "He felt poorly, went home, went to the hospital and two days later, he passed on."

I asked if there was anything I could do.

"We're hoping to reopen the store this week," she said. "Perhaps you'd come." I would. And did.

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Black History Month

A Cause for Reflection as East End at Crossroads



A BLACK LIVES STILL MATTER RALLY AND MARCH WAS ORGANIZED IN SEPTEMBER IN SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The past, present and future are colliding on the East End as the region marks its first Black History Month since racial justice protests triggered a national reckoning on inequality last year.

This year's celebration of Black Americans' contributions comes amid a flurry of local public hearings on how to enact New York State-mandated police reforms in response to the murder of George Floyd, a Black man allegedly killed by a white Minneapolis police officer. The annual celebration also comes as the Plain Sight Project leads

the way in unearthing how widespread slavery was in the Hamptons dating back to Colonial times, not just in the South. And it comes as local officials and advocates are advancing efforts to establish two museums in Southampton commemorating the role of historic Black figures from the area.

"Most people don't know that slavery was in Southampton until the 1830s," Tom Edmonds, executive director at Southampton Historical Museum, said during a recent lecture.

Discrimination on the basis of skin color didn't end with slavery, of course. Even since the Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawed discrimination nationwide,

studies show Long Island remains one of the most racially segregated areas in America today. To combat persistent disparities, state lawmakers recently passed legislation to combat housing discrimination and last year Gov. Andrew Cuomo made Juneteenth a state-recognized holiday marking the end of slavery, among other measures.

Local efforts to address the issues go even deeper.

LOOKING BACK

While many believe that slavery was limited to Southern plantations from the nation's founding in the

1600s until the Emancipation Proclamation in 1865, experts are pulling back the curtain on the East End's slave-owning past.

The Plain Sight Project, a research initiative that launched in 2020, is on a mission to identify slaves and free Blacks, as well as locate and preserve burial grounds, habitations, and work sites in East Hampton's historic district — and to create a template for other communities to follow suit.

"The work that we're doing ... is to provide agency to this unknown population who were apart of this community from the very beginning, from its very founding," said Donna-

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marie Barnes, an archivist at Sylvester Manor Educational Farm — a former plantation on Shelter Island — and co-director of the project with David E. Rattray, the owner and editor of *The East Hampton Star*.

Rattray said the project started in 2017 when he and his staff uncovered documentation of early slaves in hard-bound volumes of early Town of East Hampton records.

"We think that we identified maybe a third of the enslaved people who were ever here in East Hampton and the crazy thing about all of this and why we call it the Plain Sight Project is it really was that simple: It was opening the book to page 584 and there's these names," Rattray said during a lecture at The Arts Center at Duck Creek.

Among the findings were that the earliest known reference to an enslaved person in East Hampton was a child who died on Gardiner's Island in 1654, the first named reference to an enslaved person in East Hampton was a woman named Boose three years later, and in 1676 a free Black man named John was allowed land for a house and garden.

Perhaps the most well-known incident involving slavery on the East End came in 1839 — years after New York State outlawed the practice — when the infamous slave ship *Amistad* was seized by federal authorities off Montauk Point following a mutiny. Director Steven Spielberg of East Hampton was nominated for four Oscars for his 1997 film about the uprising.

PRESENT DAY

The most high profile attempt to address current-day racial injustices is the wave of public hearings that East End town and village police departments are holding after Cuomo ordered police to devise reforms addressing discrimination or risk grant funding after Black Lives Matter protests nationwide, including in the Hamptons and on the North Fork.

Southampton Town Supervisors Jay Schneiderman said the hearings used the gather community input on proposed reforms are "to make sure bias and discrimination were not playing a part in the policing."

Some hearings and surveys are continuing ahead of the April 1 deadline for law enforcement agencies to submit reform plans to the state. Southampton Town Police were the first to issue their recommendations on February 16 when the department released its report suggesting the use of body cameras, among other measures. Local police brass say they are optimistic that the reforms will lead to more state



TOP BUILDING: THE FUTURE HOME OF THE SOUTHAMPTON AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM UNDER RENOVATION. SYLVESTER MANOR EDUCATIONAL FARM WAS A SLAVE PLANTATION ON SHELTER ISLAND.

funding to better train officers.

"As a part of the reforms, we are all hoping Albany also creates funded training courses, certified by the state or by the federal government with which we can ensure officers have opportunities to attend," East Hampton Town Police Chief Michael Sarlo has said.

Where the proposed reforms will lead is a story for another day.

MOVING FORWARD

The East End's Black history is also its future thanks to a pair of projects in the works to celebrate the community's historic contributions.

The Southampton African American Museum is being developed in a build-

ing known as The Barbershop, which was a local gathering place for area African Americans from the 1940s until its closing. The Southampton Village Historic Preservation Board designated the building as the village's first African American historic landmark a decade ago.

"We want to share our contributions to the world," Brenda Simmons, executive director of the Southampton African American Museum, previously told *Dan's Papers*. The museum has been hosting virtual events and hopes to open a physical gallery at a later date. Its motto is to "treasure the past, tend to the present, transform the future."

And, after years of wrangling, local officials are finally making progress

on rebuilding the historic home of Pyrrhus Concer, a free slave who was a whaling captain in the village. The end goal of the reconstruction team is not to simply rebuild as Concer's home once was, but to expand the 19th century house into a museum dedicated to his legacy, his home's architectural significance and his importance in Southampton and American history.

"We are finalizing the plan, and we have a construction consultant now to help us with the pricing," Southampton Mayor Jesse Warren told *Dan's*. "A big goal for 2021 is to really begin the construction of this project. It's been a long time coming!"

—With David Taylor and Taylor Vecsey

REAL ESTATE



92 COOPERS NECK LANE, SOUTHAMPTON

Former Carnegie Home Sold for \$18 Million

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

A historic home in the Village of Southampton, once owned by the Carnegie family, has found a buyer after three years on the market.

The traditional house that has been well-documented in magazines and its expansive property at 92 Coopers Neck Lane sold for \$18.24 million in late November, county records recently revealed. The last ask was \$23.5 million.

"It is a special property in a spectacular location which just took the right buyer who understood what the house could be for their lifestyle and viewed the 4.5 acres as a blank canvas for creating beautiful garden 'rooms' for their family to enjoy," says Tim Davis of Cocoran, who had the listing.

No word yet on who the new owners are, though Davis says they will embark on a renovation project. The deed was transferred into the name of a limited liability corporation called 9toCNL.

Davis listed the 11-bedrooms, 12.5-bath house at \$29.5 million 2017, though it had been on the market in 2015 for \$37.5 million, according to *Curbed-*

Hamptons.

The home was once a summer home for Judge Alonzo Castle Monson, a prominent New Yorker "who spared no expense developing his beloved 'Mon Repos'"—which means "my place of rest" in French—on the then-17 acres in 1898, Davis said in the listing. The Dutch Colonial shingled "cottage" was surrounded by gardens, a putting green, tennis court, swimming pool and stables for his race horses.

After his death, the Carnegie Family Trust purchased the estate in 1904 and aptly renamed it "Carnegie House," which they enjoyed for a half-century until 1952. It was then sold to another family, who kept it for another 40 or so years, finally selling the house, practically unaltered since 1898, and stable to the renowned interior designer Joanne de Guardioli and her husband Roberto in 1994.

"The de Guardioli's objective was to retain its Gilded Age magnificence but update it in every way for a modern family," Davis explains. A major renovation created new electrical and plumbing systems, reconfigured the 25 rooms, but still managed to re-

tain original details, such as the lush fir wood floors that were refinished. The porte cochère and covered front porch were also rebuilt.

Among the highlights created was a dramatic new double height master bedroom suite with his and her marble baths, Sherle Wagner faucets, walk-in closets, two fireplaces, a sitting room and a third-floor terraced loft space looking to the ocean.

The home has a modern eat-in kitchen, oversized 30-foot butler's pantry, a walk-in wine cellar, and three powder rooms were added. The carriage garage was converted into a movie theater with a two-bedroom guest apartment above with covered terrace.

A new 50-foot gunite pool and tennis court were installed, and a three-car garage was built.

As for the stable, a new covered breezeway with outdoor fireplace connect the house and barn. "The Jockey Club racing enthusiast's stable with its heavy beams was relocated alongside the pool, its interior transformed into a fabulous party/recreation space," Davis explained. "Partially removing the second floor hay loft created a new double-height great room. A bar, bathroom and upper loft exercise space was created, while new French doors opened it to pool and gardens."

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5 Places To Keep Fire Extinguishers In Your Home

Do you have a fire extinguisher in your home? More importantly, do you know where your fire extinguisher is?

When fires spread beyond the room that it started in they cause four out of five of all home fire deaths and almost half of all home fire injuries. Easy access to a fire extinguisher helps prevent fires from spreading while protecting your home and your family.

HERE ARE THE FIVE ESSENTIAL PLACES TO KEEP A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN YOUR HOME:

1. THE KITCHEN

Between 2010 and 2014, cooking equipment was involved in 46% of home fires, 19% of home fire deaths, and 44% of home fire injuries.

2. NEAR SOURCES OF HEAT

One fifth of all home fires are caused by heating equipment.

3. EACH FLOOR OF YOUR HOME

A quick response is essential to successfully combating a developing fire.

4. THE GARAGE

Garages, workshops, and sheds are typically full of combustible materials, especially things like gas canisters, oils, and cleaning products.

5. THE BEDROOMS

The majority of fires happen at night, so every bedroom in your house should have easy access to a fire extinguisher—even children's rooms.

In addition to this column's insurance tip of the week, I want readers to know they can call me for advice, questions or any coverage concerns at any time at 1-866-964-4434.

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| | | Jared Holz | 23 Forrest Street | Residence | 01/05/21 | 2,220,000 |
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| | | Harris Allen | 2347 Noyac Road | Residence | 12/01/20 | 660,000 |
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| Water Mill | 12 Brennans Moor LLC | Jodi & Peter Roth | 12 Brennans Moor | Residence | 11/23/20 | 7,750,000 |
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| | | Carriage Hill Developers Inc | 17 Adam Lane | Vacant | 11/20/20 | 359,000 |
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REAL ESTATE



Malibu or Montauk?

This \$13.7 Million Modern Home Offers 180-Degree Ocean Views

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

Perched 125 feet above the Atlantic Ocean and with a clean modern design and rooftop deck, the home at 14 Maple Street in Montauk may leave you asking, “Am I in Malibu or Montauk?” It’s really no wonder the approximately 8,500-square-foot house is asking \$13.7 million.

The modern house, listed with Douglas Elliman, offers unobstructed, 180-degree ocean views from practically all rooms thanks to floor-to-ceiling windows. The rooftop deck with a fire pit provides another 1,745-square-foot of space to stare out at the ocean views.

Located on a one-acre lot off of Old Montauk Highway, the property also has a walking path down to the beach at the neighboring Gurney’s Resort. A large entry gate provides privacy. A curved staircase leads to the home’s entry, which opens to an open space with immediate ocean views.

The six-bedroom home boasts mostly clean, straight lines, with lots of natural light pouring in. Siberian oak floors can be found throughout the home, while two gas fireplaces have stone surrounds.

An open concept living room and kitchen take full advantage of the panoramic ocean views. With a backdrop like that, the home was designed around indoor/outdoor living. A wall of glass reveals sliding doors that open to an approximately 2,500-square-foot sandblasted Carrara marble patio that surround the 45-foot-long heated saltwater gunite pool that features a water-fall edge.

Back in the living room, a double-sided gas fireplace divides the space from the formal dining room. The kitchen, a custom design by Arclinea, offers four-inch marble countertops, top-of-the-line appliances, a butler’s pantry and a wet bar. There are elements that warm the space, such as

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14 MAPLE LANE, MONTAUK

a raw wood accent wall behind the breakfast table.

Also on the first level is a junior primary suite with those amazing ocean views. In the spa-like bathroom are dual sinks and a glass-enclosed rain shower. Down the hall is an optional office or bedroom suite with a full bathroom.


A curved staircase leads up to the second level, where buyers will find the master suite, which has a private terrace with views of the pool and ocean. A wood ceiling also adds warmth and a sense of tranquility to the space. The bathroom features double sinks, a free-standing tub, “tile that evokes

the sandy beach,” and an outdoor rain shower, according to the listing.

There is also a den on the second floor, which offers a gas fireplace, a wet bar and another place to lounge with a view.

The lower level is finished with eight-foot ceilings, offering even more space. There is another living room, gym, two bedrooms with ensembles bathrooms, another bathroom and another full bath. A theater-ready room provides more living and entertaining space.

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EAST END FAMILY

10 Books for Black History Month & Beyond

BY DONNA DUARTE-LADD

This month, February, is Black History Month, a time to honor Black America. And while we do this, it is also an opportunity to remind ourselves that educating our children on what it means to be Black and what better way than by learning through literature?

Here are 10 books for the kids and family to read this month and every month afterward.

Ambitious Girl by Meena Harris, Illustrated by Marissa Valdez

Author Meena Harris (yes, niece of Vice President Harris) shares on an 'ambitious girl' and her journey of discovering what girls and women have faced in the past and present challenges and what they may face in the future obstacles. An incredible story for girls to read about the positivity of being ambitious and reframing what it means to be ambitious and proud. Ages 4 to 8.

Don't Touch My Hair by Sharee Miller

In this sweet book (a follow up to *Princess Hair*), we learn what Aria loves about her hair, which compliments are okay, but touching her hair without asking? Not okay. Beautifully and creatively illustrated, the reader follows Aria on her adventures and learns how she skillfully demands boundaries. Ages 4 to 8.

Shirley Chisholm Is A Verb by Veronica Chambers, Illustrated by Rachelle Baker

A picture biography book on pioneering woman Shirley Chisholm. Authored by bestselling author Veronica Chambers and vividly illustrated by Rachelle Baker, kids will learn about this amazing woman and her life.

For starters, she was the first Black woman to campaign for the Democratic nomination for the United States' presidency. And there is more for children to learn about, including her childhood in Barbados to attending Brooklyn College. I didn't learn about this icon until college; start them young and teach your child about Shirley Chisholm. Ages 4 to 8.

Black Music Greats: 40 inspiring icons by Olivier Cachin, Illustrated



GETTY IMAGES

by Jérôme Masi

Kids will learn from some of the greatest Black music icons of all time in this artfully and detailed book. Learn about Prince, Nina Simone, and other music legends' backgrounds, hit songs, and other fun facts like nicknames and their signature style.

An eclectic array of music icons from Marvin Gaye to N.W.A is featured in this cool book. Kids will learn how these Black artists changed the music scene, defined an era with their sound, and in some instances changed the musical landscape with their sound. Ages 7 to 10.

Cocoa, Tea & Honey Paperback by Kimberly Davis-Peters

A lovely read for your toddler, this book shares how to celebrate all shades of brown complexions. It is about looking beyond all skin colors and accepting friends for who they are, not what they look like. Vividly illustrated, this book makes for a lovely morning or bedtime storytime. Ages infant to 12.

The Other Side, by Jacqueline Woodson, Illustrated by E.B Lewis
Brooklyn author and New York

Times Bestseller Jacqueline Woodson shares a story on an interracial friendship that the reader can experience through the eyes of a child. A great book to discuss with your child about race, friendships, segregation, and more. Ages 5-8.

Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present by Jamia Wilson, Illustrated by Andrea Pippins

Kids can learn about 52 Black heroes such as Toni Morrison, Nelson Mandela, Maurice Ashley, and forty-nine other incredible leaders, icons, innovators. For ages 7 to though 10, I can also see reading this to my younger child as each hero lends a powerful read, and while we celebrate a book such as this for Black History Month, it is a book that can be cherished and learned from forever. Ages 7 to 10.

Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison

What started as a personal project for Black History Month turned into a sweetly illustrated book on strong and, yes, bold Black women. Author Vashti Harrison shares profiles on iconic women that are both informative and

educational. An essential read for kids to understand bravery and empowerment. Ages 8 to 12.

All the Days Past, All the Days to Come by Mildred D. Taylor

The young reader in your family is most likely obsessed with the Logan family (*Song of the Trees* and *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*), the last book in the family saga. The civil rights movement, like the books before, is woven into this story. Without giving too much away, read how Cassie grows from a teen to a strong black woman. Young Adult.

We Are Not Yet Equal by Carol Anderson with Tonya Bolden

Teens have seen that we as a nation and world have much work to do. This anti-racist book should be required reading for all young adults as well as adults. Well researched and chock-full of history, the book is a helpful refresher of civil injustices that are part of our past and present and may serve as a motivator of change for teens. Ages 12 and up.

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Camps 2021: Health & Safety First

BY RINA MEYER, MD

As school starts to wind down and vaccine rates increase, East End families are cautiously looking toward a summer of fun. Although we still don't know what the summer will bring in terms of infection rates or public health policies, here are some tips to make your summer as safe as possible...

MASKS

As we've learned, COVID is a virus which attacks the respiratory tract and is spread by droplets (a small amount of liquid produced by exhaling). These tiny droplets can become aerosolized and fly through the air, where they can be inhaled by others. The best way to protect yourself and those around you is to be vigilant about wearing masks...even if someone has been vaccinated!

The best thing to do is to wear a cloth mask (either purchased or homemade, a good chance for some camp-inspired creativity) or a disposable mask (but save the N95 masks for your healthcare providers who have been properly fitted for them). Avoid masks with ventilation valves, as this can increase the spread of disease. The only way that a mask can protect anyone is to wear it correctly...this means masks should cover your mouth and nose at all times and fit snugly. Try not to touch your mask while wearing it, and wash your hands if you do! When you remove your mask, remove it by the ear loops or tie—don't touch the front

of the mask (where the germs are) or your face. Wash or sanitize your hands after taking off your mask, and make sure to launder your mask regularly.

HAND WASHING—NOT GLOVES

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that gloves only be used for those caring for or cleaning up after those who are sick. It is not necessary (and may be more dangerous) for your kids to use gloves during summer fun, especially during camp activities, including eating and drinking. If your child is wearing gloves and touches their face, it may make things worse. Instead of gloves, remind them to wash or sanitize their hands frequently (with a product that is at least 60% alcohol). Make sure that their camp supplies include a liberal supply of hand sanitizer. You can make it fun by picking products of fun scents and colors. Washing your hands is one of the best ways to not only prevent COVID, but a whole host of other illnesses.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

This is still the most important way to keep yourself and your kids safe! Make sure that your kids' camps are taking all reasonable precautions to limit large gatherings and plan more outdoor fun. When not at camp, continue to take precautions. When opting for outdoor dining venues, make sure the venue has spread-out tables and the staff are wearing masks. Be mindful of wearing masks in stores, following arrows

in store aisles, and not crowding cash registers. If you are venturing out to beaches or parks, choose times that are less busy and keep your distance from others.

Just because COVID is on everyone's mind, there are also some non-COVID things to consider for the summer...

ALLERGIES

According to the CDC, food allergies are on the rise. About 6-8% of children have at least one food allergy and these can be serious. Symptoms of food allergies can include hives, itching, rashes, coughing, vomiting, lip swelling, and difficulty breathing. In short, food allergies can be life threatening for some children. If your child has a food allergy, make sure the camp staff understands exactly what triggers their symptoms, what their symptoms are, and how to manage an emergency. Equip your camper with the medications recommended by your doctor, including an epi-pen (an injectable rescue medication for anaphylactic shock) if necessary. Remind your child to ask questions when offered new foods or treats, and be prepared to send special snacks for your day camper if the camp can't accommodate special requests. If one of your child's co-campers has an allergy, do your best to respect the rules and don't send food that could be dangerous.

LYME DISEASE

Long Island is notorious for deer ticks that carry

SUMMER CAMPS

Borrelia burgdorferi, the most common bacteria that cause Lyme disease, a tick-borne illness that can cause rash, joint pain, headaches, fever and swollen lymph nodes, among other symptoms. If untreated, Lyme disease can also cause neurologic symptoms and cardiac damage. It's important to minimize your child's risk for tick bites and to identify early signs of possible Lyme disease, which can be successfully treated with antibiotics.

Whenever possible make sure your child wears a hat, long sleeves and long pants in heavily wooded areas. Encourage them to tuck their pants into their socks to further minimize exposed skin. Make sure your child is using insect repellent, with 20% DEET concentration, but avoid their hands, mouth and eyes. When hiking through brush and woods, encourage your children to stay on well-marked trails, which tend to have fewer heavily wooded areas.

Once your child comes home after a long day, teach him or her to check themselves for ticks (or make sure their counselor at sleepaway camp encourages this). In general, the shorter the time a tick is on your body, the less likely it is to cause disease. A deer tick is as small as the period on the end of a sentence and may be hard to see, but make sure everyone is looking.

Finding a deer tick is not an automatic reason to visit the infirmary or your pediatrician, but it is important to stay vigilant. Symptoms of Lyme disease can appear up to a month after a tick bite. Remind your children to alert camp staff or you if they have fevers, feel achy or sick, have "swollen glands," or a

new rash. The classic rash associated with Lyme disease is a bullseye, also known as erythema migrans. Any of these findings should send your child to the camp infirmary or their home pediatrician.

SUNBLOCK

Camp is at its best and most fun when the sun is shining, but it's crucial to protect your children from the risks it can pose. Remember, having five prior

sunburns significantly increases your risk for melanoma (the deadliest form of skin cancer) later in life.

The sun is at its peak intensity from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., which is usually prime time at camp. Encourage your children to wear wide-brimmed hats in the sun, as well as sunglasses with ultraviolet (UV) protection. It's a chance for them to make a fashion statement, as well as a positive health choice!

Sunscreen only works when it's being used in the right amounts and at the right times. Start with an SPF of at least 15 and cover all areas of the body that aren't covered by clothing. It's important to reapply sunscreen frequently—every two hours, especially if your child is swimming or sweating a lot in the heat. Even waterproof sunscreen must be reapplied. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, a young adult needs about one ounce of sunscreen per application.

Although a few things are still unclear about this summer, by following these common sense tips, we can make summer 2021 on the East End safe and fun for everyone!

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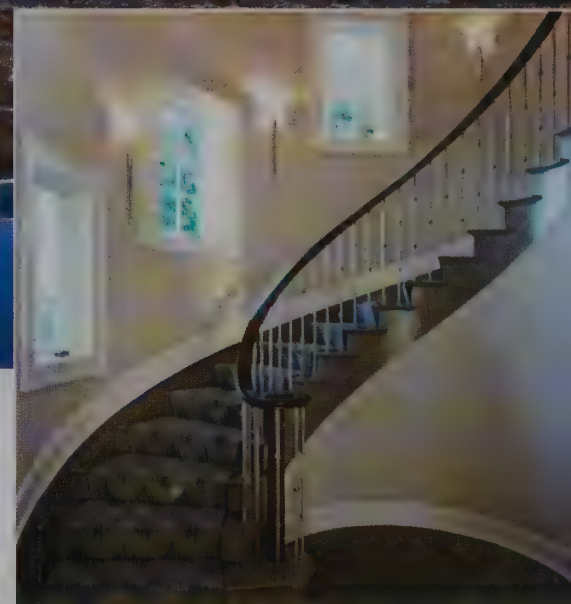
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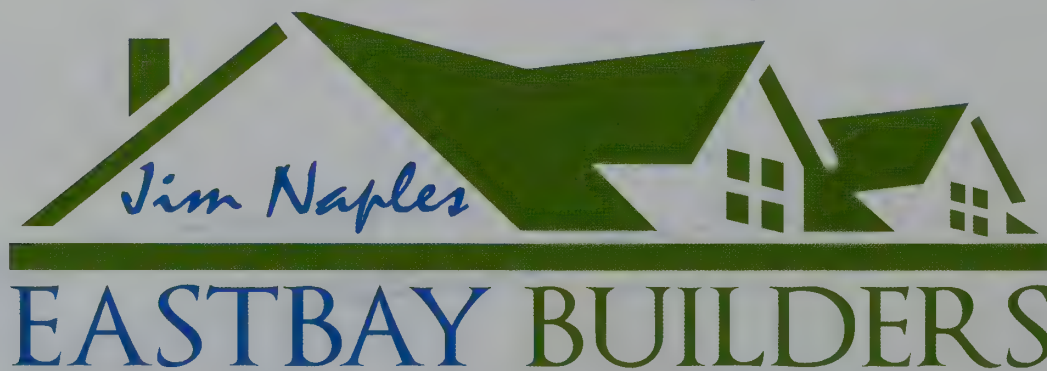
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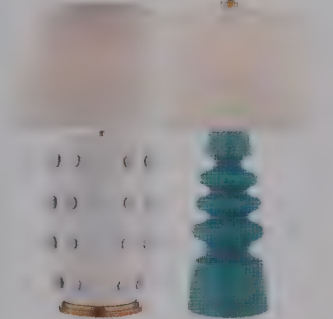
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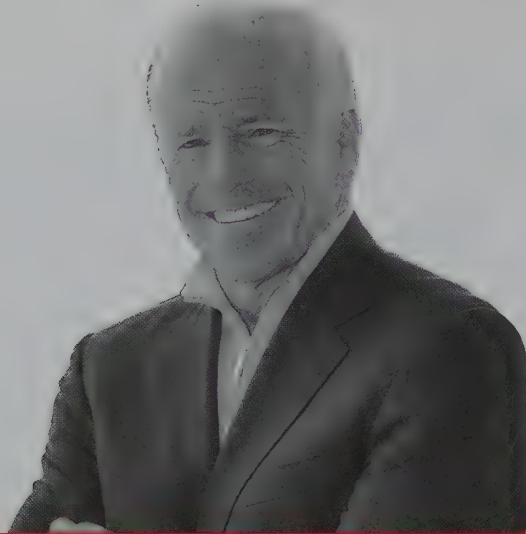
NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGES?

After an unprecedented year in East End real estate and more people than ever now living here year-round, what changes can we expect in the market going forward in 2021? We asked some of the top agents in the Hamptons and on the North Fork what they think will be the biggest differences and challenges for the year ahead.



MICHAELA KESZLER
DOUGLAS ELLMAN

People are starting to have a very different relationship with the city and work. Before this year, you always had to work in the city to have work, but now so many companies have figured out that working from home has been very beneficial. Young professionals are reconsidering their priorities when it comes to what they are looking for in a home. We will become a much stronger first-home market creating more year-round communities and opportunities in education, technology and art. We are already seeing new galleries, stores, restaurants and pop-up shops this winter like we have never seen before.



GARY DEPERSIA
THE CORCORAN GROUP

What we've seen in 2020 will likely continue. The biggest challenge is going to be inventory. Much of the inventory that had been on the market, some of it for many years, was absorbed last year with some of the closings still to come early this year. Both seasoned lookers and new people coming into the market are going to be challenged to find the houses they want, in the locations they want, at a price that works for them. Rentals again are off to a great start. That inventory is going to be challenging. Prices are up from past years and renters are moving forward rapidly to find houses. All that being said, as always, there will be opportunities for both buyers and renters if they are diligent enough to move quickly in making decisions. In 2021, "he who hesitates is lost."



JENNIFER FREIDBERG
BROWN HARRIS STEVENS

The market was on fire in 2020. People fled to find a refuge, more space and an environment to work and school from home. Further, record-low mortgage rates provided greater purchasing power. Dynamics that will make the market continue to be strong: 1) Pandemic. COVID pushed many to purchase sooner and demand was great in 2020. Lagging supply will keep prices and interest in properties going. Although the vaccine is on the horizon, we are anticipating a new normal in terms of how people live, work and entertain. We also expect people enjoying the Hamptons even more and trading up. The fact that we are close to New York City and the airports is also important. And, sellers will continue to capitalize on the strength of the market. 2) Younger Buyers. We are seeing a generational trend and anticipate younger couples and new families will have a role in the strength of the market. They have learned to work and school from home, are desirous of space and are buying homes to fit their new lifestyle. 3) Construction - We expect continued gains here and prices to increase.



JENNIFER REINER
HAMPTON ESTATES REALTY

I feel lucky to be selling real estate in the Hamptons during a time when people are flocking out here. An obvious challenge is limited inventory and a plethora of buyers. My guess is this will continue through 2021, given the uncertainty surrounding coronavirus and its various strains. Even with the vaccine it will take some time to return to normalcy. I believe there's a new normal and the world will never be what it was pre-pandemic. Although the pandemic has brought horrific things, I can't help but think it was time for change. I anticipate another year of abundant sales and look forward to the rewards of selling homes to buyers who have found a community where they feel comfortable and safe.



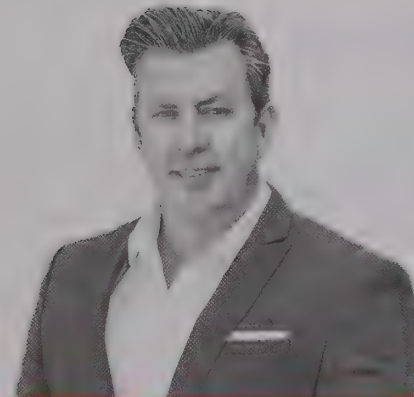
DEIRDRE DeVITA
SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY

The biggest market change that we can expect going forward is a lack of adequate inventory to meet the demand that we have, in both the sale and rental categories. Even at this early stage of the season, it is proving difficult to find properties, especially in our bread-and-butter price ranges. Also, there are backlogs and delays in our pipeline, some of which are COVID-related: Procuring the goods and services that are needed to keep the market moving: permits, building materials, title searches, etc., is taking longer. I am grateful for the increase in our local population, however. It brings vibrancy to our world and supports our economy. The Hamptons are better than ever!



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SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY

With the migration from urban centers and the inability to travel, the Hamptons home is now viewed as a sanctuary. A place to work and school remotely, while being able to enjoy nature, more space and freedom. More of a "co-primary" residence and as such the quality, size and amenities have taken on greater importance. There are now demands for: larger homes/compounds to accommodate extended family, homes with larger property, pool houses used as gathering places deemed safer in COVID times, separate outbuildings to quarantine in. Before COVID, buyers did not experience urgency to purchase a home they deemed secondary. They were willing to wait and rent until the right fit came along. This is no longer the case. Multiple bidding situations are now commonplace. As rental prices have skyrocketed, it is cheaper in many cases to purchase. We expect the market to remain strong in 2021. With uncertainty around the rate at which we will be vaccinated and hesitancy to travel, there are many ready, willing and able buyers on the sidelines still waiting to purchase. The biggest challenge we expect in 2021 is the lack of inventory to keep up with demand.



ROB CANBERG
COMPASS

Inventory! What I am seeing is a lack of inventory in certain areas, especially certain price points, so the seller's market we are currently experiencing, I believe, will most likely continue here in the Hamptons at least for the first half of the year. I am seeing many buyers out there right now—especially some that I know who have rented last year because of the pandemic—looking to acquire a new residence. Last year was definitely unprecedented, and business was through the roof with the amount of buyers we had here in the Hamptons that were fleeing the urban landscape. I expect that trend to continue. However, I believe this sense of urgency will slow at some point especially as the vaccine continues to roll out and take effect. Timing on that remains to be seen and what effects it will have with overall demand here in the Hamptons, only time will tell and what corrections and changes will follow in the marketplace.



ENZO MORABITO
DOUGLAS ELLIMAN

We haven't really settled down yet. The intensity to live in the Hamptons is still here and I don't see that stopping until we get to some kind of equilibrium. Furthermore, I think that a lot of the people who decided to buy or use their second home as a safe shelter are going to stay. Many will probably keep their place in the city, but I expect that the Hamptons house will shift from second-home status to primary.

COVID FLIGHT FUELS BUYERS' HAMPTON FOCUS

A suburban turnover is underway and a blue streak savvy realtor from northern New York has drawn a heady following of urban clientele from the Hamptons.

BY DONNA CHRISTOPHER

This low inventory, high buyer demand pandemic climate has attracted

millennials who hunkered down in short-term and long-term rentals out east are now, after a year, re-thinking whether they want to return to their Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens apartments. Many seem drawn to both Greenwich, Conn., and Westchester County, where licensed associate broker Kori Sassower is the principal of The Kori Sassower Team at Compass.

"Most of my millennial clients from the city are ones I have worked with before but moved up their timeframe to buy in the suburbs while in the Hamptons," says Sassower, who is licensed in New York State and Connecticut.

"They are finding out they like being in the suburbs and having more space. Buyer demand is very good for homes in Westchester and Greenwich right now. They are open to a few towns."

They are savvy buyers who sampled suburban living in their temporary housing and perhaps ready sooner than before to take the leap into suburban places and buy their forever homes.

Sellers, meanwhile, are often empty nesters finishing up raising families and ready to exit the region for places with low taxes such as Florida, though some seem interested in either returning to New York City or living there for the first time as renters, Sassower says.

She understands this unusual flurry and has been riding the wave for almost a year. For buyers and sellers, Sassower can broker and educate clients on both sides. Her business acumen comes from a career in ad sales but also making real estate a full-



Kori Sassower and her Team.

time job she enjoys.

Sassower says she understands what her clients want, is flexible and tech-savvy. Another attribute that suits her in this industry is her adaptability.

"It's the fastest real estate market I have ever seen in eight years," she says. "I get along with agents which is very important and I'm very relatable and I know my area well. I also have a lot of experience in new construction."

She handles residential and commercial and works with developers in Westchester and Connecticut, so she has expertise in new construction.

"My clients are very well educated," Sassower adds. "This market is the most competitive market right now. They come to me already having done research on properties and towns they are interested in. They come ready to make

offers."

The Kori Sassower Team has five agents, who, like their founder, are experts in their respective local communities where they are working and raising their own families. Sassower lives in Rye Brook. She grew up in Manhattan so she's able to relate to many of her urban clients and help them make the suburban leap with ease.

Her millennial clients also seem to be more flexible in how far they're willing to go outside New York City.

"Before, when I was showing properties, they wanted one hour door to door with the train for a commute to the city office," she says. "But now, many of them, especially in tech and marketing, see they can work remotely and only have to go in a couple of times a week, so they can go further like Katonah, for example."

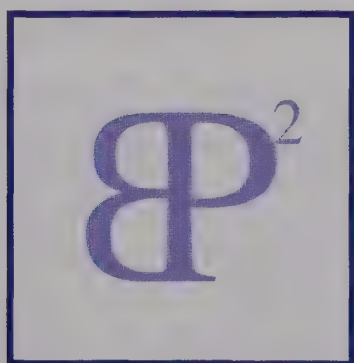
Sassower enjoys working with her clients who've done their homework.

"They've done the research and have (vetted out) areas where they want to live," she says. "They know what they're looking for and understand they need to be ready to make decisions when something interests them, so ready to make offers and move hurriedly."

The market is struggling with the inventory so low, but Sassower knows how to marry buyers and sellers. She understands the different needs and looks at transactions for all angles.

"[COVID-19] has changed people's minds on where they want to be," she says. "People are re-evaluating these decisions."

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BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

That is how Michael McKenzie described the home’s beginning in *Meadowcroft: A Century of Elegance in the Hamptons*, written in celebration of the Quogue house’s centennial in 2004. In essence, the home has its own love story that still continues today.

At the turn-of-the-century, Meadowcroft estate resembled an English country estate with a working 100-acre plus farm across the street. Today, the seven-acre holding on Quantuck Bay retains

that same feel, enduring as one of the most celebrated properties on the East End.

The last remaining Long Island home designed by the noted architect and *House & Garden* (now *HG*) magazine founder Wilson Eyre is now on the market. The property was listed for \$13 million in early January with Enzo Morabito of Douglas Elliman.

The industrialist Theodore Eaton Conklin commissioned Eyre to build the Arts and Crafts-style house, for which he was known, in what was then a meadow in 1902. As the

story has it, Conklin's wife, Emma, felt he worked too much, but when he was out east, near the sea, he was present and ready for time spent with family.

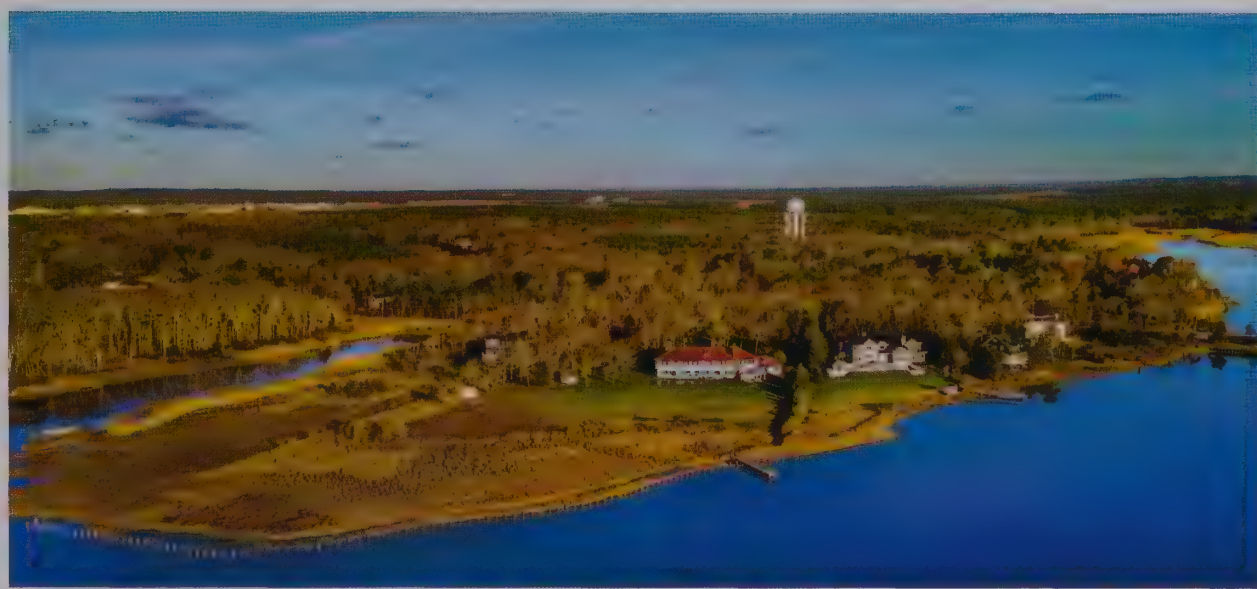
"The Conklins became true patrons of Eyre's formidable art and neither patron nor artist waived [sic] on the road to achieving aesthetic excellence with Meadowcroft, a masterpiece several years in the making," wrote McKenzie.

Louis Comfort Tiffany, an artist and designer best known for his stained glass work, was a friend of Conklins, and he created the lighting in the home. Tiffany used Conklin's metal fabrications in brass and bronze for his famed lamps (His business was around the corner from T.E. Conklin Brass & Copper on Lafayette Street in lower Manhattan). The gated pillars, for instance, are topped by two stained glass and bronze lamps, handmade by Tiffany.

"The Romance of Meadowcroft is an intoxicating vision, created as a duet between architect and original owners, and continues to captivate both its inhabitants and visitors with its presence. Meadowcroft has a gentle, lyrical and pastoral poetry to it, a cottage, if albeit a large one, whose allure is only furthered by its almost magical proximity to the sea."

Conklin and his wife wanted all seven bedrooms to face the ocean and they wanted the home to be divided into wings for separation.

"Set to task, Eyre must have decided to enjoy the challenge, literally designing Meadowcroft as a classic his and her house," McKenzie wrote. "The rooms to the East were 'her' rooms, centered on the kitchen and dining rooms, the rooms to the West were 'his,' the bar and billiard room, where the



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drinking and smoking took place, those activities not welcomed elsewhere in the house."

Despite its size, at 9,000 square feet, Meadowcroft was "designed to function as a place to live and entertain, a memorable beach house with all the whistles and bells, not an imposing mansion made for power brokering."

The Conklin family has strong roots on the South Fork with Conklin's grandson, Ted, who was born in the house, becoming the village mayor of Westhampton Beach. Today, many will recognize the name of his great grandson, also Ted Conklin, the owner of the American Hotel in Sag Harbor. Five generations of the Conklins enjoyed the house before selling it in 1989.

In the summer of 2000, as the story goes, Lynn Krominga, a former general counsel to Revlon, was boating in the Quantuck Bay with her husband, Amnon Shibolet, an international lawyer, when she became enamored by the home. He quietly found out the house was available.

"The truth is, though, I bought it for Lynn," he said in the book. "She was in love with the house from the

moment she saw it and I am in love with her so I wanted her to have it..." he said in the book.

They began a \$2 million renovation in 2004, according to *The New York Times*. Now an eight-bedroom and seven-and-a-half bath home, it has retained many of its original details that set this estate apart from others across the East End.

Among them are Tiffany lamps and sconces. Today, an iron gate leads to a long driveway lined with hedges and 100-plus-year-old rhododendrons. The house with its white uneven exterior — not stucco wrote McKenzie, but rather a mixture of plaster and white sand that was then beaten with bayberry bushes — has a red clay roof made with terracotta tiles that were imported from France. Arched double-doors lead to an impressive entry with an old-world feel with wood-paneled walls.

The home still features original woodwork, hardware and other special details such as the original 1904-engraved door knocker and the original double-swing carriage doors, Morabito's team says. There are also a number of bespoke

fireplaces.

Other features include a brick-ceilinged basement, a movie screening room, a billiards room — there's even an outdoor billiards table — a gym, and staff quarters with a separate entrance.

There is also an oversized swimming pool that overlooks the bay, a dock, and a small cottage and accessory buildings.

"Meadowcroft is a very charming abode that reveals the magic of its vision quietly, its enormous catalogue of details seamlessly fitting into a very 'cozy' house, which ends up topping 9000 square feet," the author wrote. "The woodwork, the bastion of Arts & Crafts, will win you over, even if you don't like Arts & Crafts, and the shape, forms, and glasswork of its many windows are works of pure artistry. A walk around the house and grounds, no matter what season, is inspiring. It is no wonder that Emma Conklin stayed unwaveringly at Meadowcroft right to the end of her years."

The seaside retreat remains private enough that you may just be able to imagine yourself there at the turn-of-the-century with your own love.



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PANDEMIC PUMPS UP VALUE OF HOME GYMS



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A light-filled workout space at a house listed at \$15.95 million with Town & Country Real Estate.

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

As we approach the anniversary of the COVID-19 arrival in New York and the subsequent shutdown, it is no surprise that one area of the home that rose in importance was the workout room.

The pandemic forced gyms to shutter for months, causing people to either find new ways to exercise at home or pack on the pounds (The COVID-15 is real!). While realtors worked over time in 2020 to find people fleeing New York City for the Hamptons, one of the most requested amenities on buyers' wish lists has been personal space to workout.

"One of the not so surprising phenomena of COVID-19 is the resurgence of home gyms," says

Gary DePersia of The Corcoran Group, one of the top brokers dealing in luxury real estate on the South Fork.

The popularity of home gym technology, such as the Peloton, has made it easier than ever for heart-pumping exercise routines, but few Hamptons homeowners settle for sweaty spin classes in their living room. They want well-appointed, dedicated spaces with room for their equipment of choice, not to mention large flat-screen televisions and mirrors.

"When gyms closed in March, many who counted themselves avid gym-goers scrambled to either improve their existing home gyms or create new ones from scratch, which is what I did myself," he explains. "I couldn't imagine a

world where I didn't work out most days so within several weeks I transformed my garage into my own personal GDP Gym Corp, with everything I needed to continue my workouts unabated, eventually adding a 60-inch TV, Sonos [wireless sound system] and a through the wall heat/air conditioning unit."

"And I've seen many people do the same thing," he continues. "This past spring one of the first things one of my buyers did, in April when he closed, was turn one of his two garages into a sensational gym. But there were so many such stories that it created a huge void within the home gym industry that is just catching up today."

Noted mid-century architect Alfred Scheffer designed the

recently renovated the three-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath guest house at 26 Windmill Lane in East Hampton so that there was a designated place to get a workout in.

And even with the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccines and reopening of gyms, home-based workouts don't appear to be going away. According to a RunRepeat survey, "home fitness is growing explosively amongst active Americans and gym members." The three fastest-growing trends going into 2021 were at-home fitness equipment, which was up 49.6%, personal trainers/nutritionists, up 47.5%, and online fitness courses, classes and subscriptions, up 16.8%.

"At-home fitness equipment is the second most popular trend with



Clockwise, a garage was converted to a home gym in East Hampton, while a new ultra-modern home in Wainscott features an expansive gym, augmented by a spa bath with steam and sauna.

16.7% of adults seeing it as their best way to stay fit," the report states, in comparison to the 8.2% of adults that chose gyms.

It's no wonder that home gyms are such an integral part of new builds. At the ultra-modern oceanfront home at 115 Beach Lane in Wainscott, listed with DePersia for \$49.5 million, the expansive gym will likely get the most use. It is an inviting space with a wall of glass that any gym junkie will covet.

"The western 'pavilion' is a two-tiered compilation of five-bedroom

suites, a recreational room, pool bath and a four-car garage," the listing states. "A separate staircase descends to an expansive gym looking out to the grounds and augmented by [a] spa bath with steam and sauna."

It's not just buyers who are demanding home gyms. "In fact, it's become one of the most sought-after amenities in rentals as well," DePersia says.

Judi Desiderio, the CEO of Town & Country Real Estate, agrees, noting that it is practically a necessity given the sudden change

in lifestyle brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Home gyms are a must have for those buying and working and schooling remotely," she says. "Staying active when confined to home is mandatory for one's physical mental and emotional well-being."

Gone are the days when a few dumbbells and a flimsy piece of "As Seen on TV" gym equipment are shoved into a dark corner.

"No more basements with no doors and windows," Desiderio says. "The best home gyms have

plenty of natural light, large enough for two people comfortably and private adjacent rooms for massage acupuncture or other wellness treatments."

The home gym at 675 Paul's Lane in Bridgehampton — listed at \$15.95 million with Town & Country — checks all the boxes. Located on the second floor, it is prominently on display as vitally part of the home behind two glass doors. A slanted glass ceiling makes it one of the most light-filled spaces in the home.

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"We get excited when we see that we can improve the way someone lives with the magic of organization."

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY



Let's face it: Not everyone keeps a tidy home. We're not talking hoarding, but rather managing everyday items in an orderly fashion. Not everyone has a knack for it. The intent might be there, but the execution . . . that's another story. And, during the pandemic, when many were forced to work from home, the clutter built up as we did everything in the same footprint. The need for a professional organizer may never be greater.

Laura Ahrens and Eva Cruz, two friends who share a penchant for organizing — not to mention a hometown of the Canary Islands in Spain — decided the time was right to offer up their skills. Thanks to the pandemic, the friends found themselves both living full-time in Sag Harbor, where they happened to meet five years ago when they recognized each other's native accents and struck up a conversation.

Aside from a keen ear, they discovered they both had an eye for beautifying a space by creating orderliness tailored specifically for it. They use their creativity to make a space aesthetically pleasing, but

also functional. Some may consider it an artform, a talent or even a craft. Where most of us look at chaos and get overwhelmed, these two find enjoyment in finding the order by rearranging and sifting through what has outlived its usefulness for one reason or another.

While working as an assistant of the Spanish Diplomatic Corps at the United Nations, Ahrens organized archives. Diplomats she knew even hired her to organize their houses. It's when she realized, "Oh gosh that's what I like to do."

Cruz, who moved to the Hamptons in 2016, has a passion for do-it-yourself projects and realized she had an underlying talent for finding the charm in any space.

"It comes natural to us," says Cruz. "We get excited when we see that we can improve the way someone lives with the magic of organization. It's such a relief to see each thing where it belongs, when everything has its own place."

Through their business, Professional Organizers of the Hamptons, both ladies hope to create harmonious living



A pantry shelf gets a makeover from the pros. The before... and after.

and work spaces for others. They say they believe a well-organized space not only makes for a more peaceful environment but a more efficient one.

They usually begin with a complimentary consultation, either virtually or in person, where they listen to the client's needs and concerns. Then, they create a custom organizing system and await the client's approval. They will either shop for the client or send them the links for any organizing supplies needed. Then the fun stuff begins — the hard work, that is — and leaving the client with a newly structured space.

What may be fun for them can be upsetting for the client. Giving up possessions is difficult. Their clients mostly struggle with bidding farewell to items that belonged to parents or grandparents and discarding what children left behind before leaving the nest, they say.

"Clients often feel guilty about letting go of those items that they don't want or like but are connected to a person who is not around anymore," Ahrens says. "We help them to understand there is nothing wrong about letting go of those items, that their legacy remains intact in their memory, not in something material."

Giving up luxury brand items, like designer bags and clothes, also tends to be difficult.

"Our clients often feel that they have to keep them, even if they will sit in a closet forever," she explains.

They work with consignment

stores, both local and online, as well as nonprofits. They encourage clients to donate whenever possible.

"Most of the time people feel better knowing someone else will use it. We help them with that process, grieving their belongings," says Ahrens.

"People sometimes don't even know that this service exists or that they need it," Cruz says. Once they do, it can be life-changing, she says. "They discover little by little places in their home that need a system to function and to look better."

So far the rooms that have been most requested to be reorganized

are pantries and playrooms, especially those that are doubling as spaces for homeschooling.

"Especially here in the Hamptons, because a lot of people have their summer houses and their pantries were not prepared to be used for more than for the summer weekends," Ahrens says. "All the people went to Costco when things were really bad in March [and now] because their pantries are overflowing."

Basements, closets and mudrooms — three spaces that become catch-alls — are also the focus of a lot of their clients. The

organizers will look to use what the clients have on hand already.

"Sometimes we go to someone's house and they have a lot of baskets and bins which is great," Cruz says.

Their business is not just about coming in and organizing clutter you can see, but also digitally organization too.

They also work with moving — plenty of which has gone on during the pandemic when people gave up their *pieds-à-terre*.

"When people move into their new house it's really nice to have everything in their place already," says Ahrens.

They prefer to work with people before the movers arrive, however. It is more cost-effective to downsize before a move, that way everything that arrives at the new house is what you actually need, they say.

Professional Organizers of The Hamptons charges \$280 for the first three hours, then \$80 for both ladies each additional hour.

"We always go in teams of two," Ahrens says. "We work faster, and when you work inside people's homes it is good to be out of their way as fast as possible, especially if you're working in areas of the house that need to be used frequently like kitchen, bathrooms..."

Also, "Four eyes sees more than two," Cruz says.

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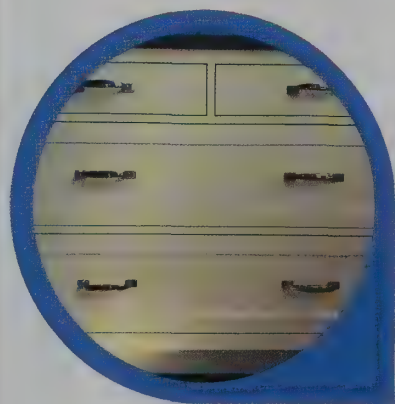
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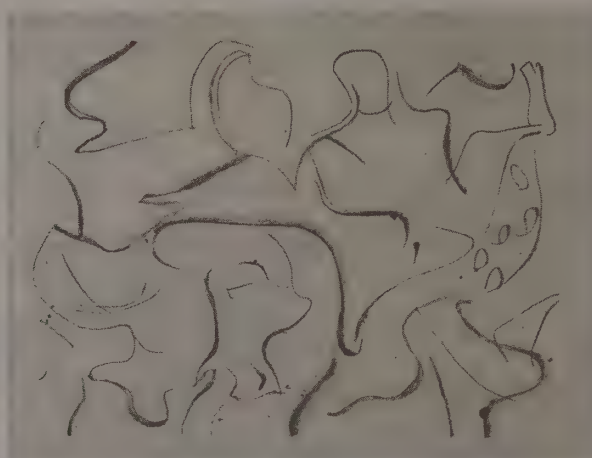
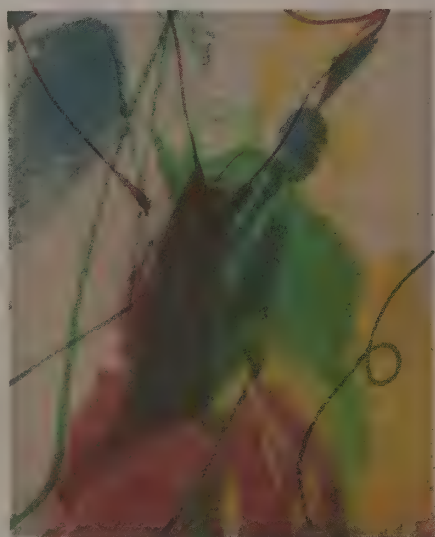
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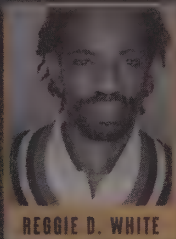
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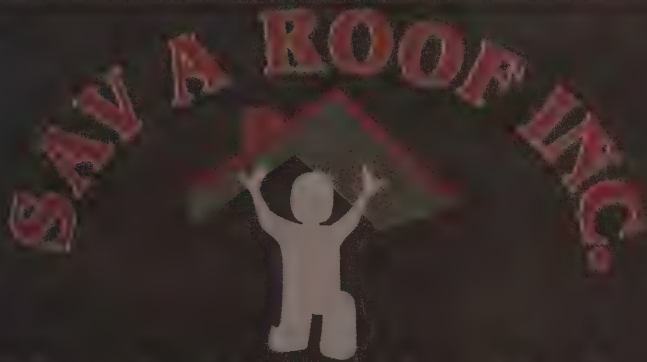
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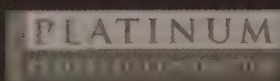


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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



COURTESY PARRISH ART MUSEUM

Parrish Art Museum Welcomes New Director

BY LEE MEYER

The Parrish Art Museum has announced that Kelly Taxter will serve as its new director. Taxter, whose career spans curating art galleries and museums, assumes the position on March 22.

"I am honored to have been selected as the next director of the Parrish Art Museum," said Taxter in a statement. "It is a great privilege to lead the institution at this critical moment of change. I look forward to joining the Parrish board and team in welcoming visitors from all backgrounds to our unparalleled building, and sharing exhibitions and collection presentations that reflect not only the artistic history of the East End, but also the bright future of the Museum."

Parrish Board of Trustees President and Co-Chair Mary Frank said in a statement, "We look forward to her bold vision, her strong leadership and to turning the page to a new and exciting chapter in the history of the Parrish Art Museum. Kelly will benefit from the legacy of the strong directors she succeeds and whose contributions laid the foundation for the Museum's next phase of excellence."

Dan's Papers spoke with Taxter about her background, what excited her about the Parrish Art Museum and more.

How did the Parrish position come about?

I was recommended to the search firm and over a series of months and conversations our relationship evolved.

Talk about your history as a museum curator and art gallerist.

I received my MA in 2003 from the Center for Curatorial Studies at Bard College, intending to go into



INCOMING PARRISH ART MUSEUM DIRECTOR KELLY TAXTER

museum work; however, I found that there weren't any jobs in New York City, where I was committed to living. So, directly after graduating I opened my gallery Taxter & Spengemann with Pascal Spengemann in the front room of my apartment on West 22nd Street between 10th and 11th avenues in Chelsea. Over our 9-year run we moved and expanded four times, as well as evolved the scope of our program. When the gallery closed, I was ready to step away from the demands of commercial galleries and finally meet the challenges of institutional work. I

was independent from 2011-2013, organized several projects and a publication, and eventually landed at the Jewish Museum.

What excites you most about working at the Parrish Art Museum?

The Parrish has everything in place—an incredible building, grounds, collection, staff and board, and audience—to be a world class institution in a world class destination.

What are some of your favorite career accomplishments so far?

Every step in my varied career has been meaningful and lead me to this point. Most of all, I love to work with artists. There is nothing more intriguing or satisfying to me than getting inside someone's head and helping them articulate why they do what they do and what we can learn from it. Being able to present an artist's work and vision is a privilege, a challenge, and great pleasure.

How do you plan to go provide Hamptonites with year-round arts and enrichment?

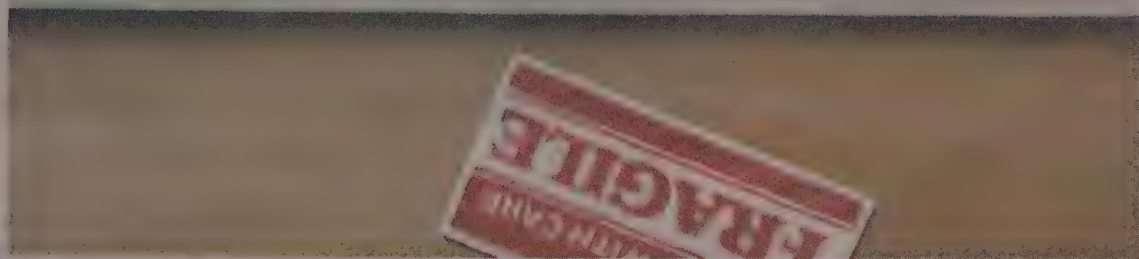
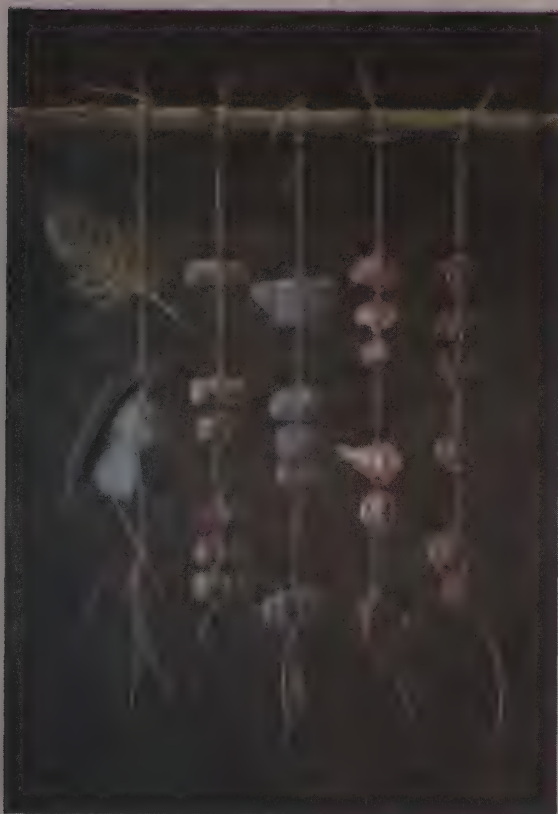
The Parrish has been and will continue to be a cultural and educational center on the East End. I will work to ensure that everyone who lives in the community and beyond feels welcomed by the Museum and sees themselves reflected in the work we do and the stories we tell.

Is there anything else you'd like our readers to know?

I'm thrilled to begin my post and I am so looking forward to seeing everyone at the museum!

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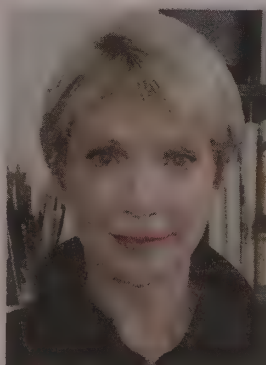


JANE HARTLEY'S KNOT SERIES INCLUDES (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT): KNOT ACCOUNTABLE, KNOT FOR KIDS, KNOT FOR SALE AND KNOT FULL.

This Week's Cover Artist: Jane Hartley

BY LEE MEYER

Jane Hartley has a background in both graphic design and fine art, taking inspiration from the "Old Masters." She studied at the The Schuler School of Fine Arts in Baltimore and currently lives on St. Simons Island, Georgia.



What was the inspiration for this piece?

A few years back, I stumbled across something about knots that caught my attention. After a bit of research and realizing that the subject is immense and complicated, I decided to lighten it up and have fun with it. That led me to create the KNOT SERIES, which is based on a play on words. I have found that it's a visual gift that just keeps giving me ideas.

Talk about your art style

I trained learning the methods used by the "old masters" in a traditional classical realistic style. So my style is definitely realistic, regardless of subject. And almost always my paintings have stories. Recently I did tap into my graphic design background and create a small series of what I referred to as "graphic abstracts," which was fun, but a complete departure from my normal style. It's nice to experiment once in a while and push some boundaries, but I think the realism will always be there.

Tell us about your artistic process.

I start out with rough sketches of ideas and com-

positions. That's followed up by a hunt for props to arrange in a set up - which may take quite a while. This is usually the time when the painting's "story" develops. I sometimes take photos at different stages to look for aspects I may want to change. Once I determine the scale I start a drawing to size that I can transfer to my surface. Then it's on to painting where anything can happen.

If you weren't an artist what would you be doing?

It makes me nervous just thinking about it.

What inspires you the most?

I have a curious and imaginative mind that can take me in a lot of directions, so I can't say there is one thing that inspires me the most. I do have a very long list of ideas I'd like to paint though.

See more of Jane Hartley's work at the William Ris Gallery, 1291 Main Road, Jamesport, and at janehartley.com.

OUT & ABOUT ON THE EAST END

WHAT TO DO. WHERE TO GO. WHERE TO PLAY.

BLACK HISTORY: THE PLAIN SIGHT PROJECT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 5 P.M.

Join Parrish Art Museum senior curator and Plain Sight Project chair Corinne Erni, Sylvester Manor Educational Farm curator/archivist Donna-marie Barnes and Plain Sight Project founder David Rattray in a livestream conversation about Barnes's and Rattray's ongoing research for The Plain Sight Project. The project identifies enslaved persons and free Blacks on the East End from the 1600s to the mid-19th century and their efforts to locate and preserve burial grounds, habitations and work sites in the Hamptons.

631-283-2118, parrishart.org

ANNA BETKA: MOZART PIANO SONATAS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 7:30 P.M.

Twin Forks Musicivic presents pianist Anna Betka in a virtual performance of Mozart piano sonatas. Registration is free but required. twinforksmusicivic.org

BARREL HILL HIKE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 10 A.M.

Meet the Southampton Trails Preservation Society on Edge of Woods Road where the power lines cross, between David White's Lane on the east and Long Springs Road on the west in Southampton. The get ready for a hilly three-mile hike to White Hill with views of the original Mackay Radio tower of ITT and more. *Barrel Hill, North Sea.* 631-283-0554, southamptontrails.org

BUTTERFLIES AND BEES: PREPPING FOR POLLINATORS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 10 A.M.

Join entomologist Jeffry Petracca for a discussion of some basic pollinator



DAVID TAYLOR

LEARN ALL ABOUT BUTTERFLIES AND BEES WITH SOFO THIS SATURDAY

biology with a focus on butterflies and bees. Learn some tips for attracting these important insect pollinators to your yards and start planning your pollinator garden for the spring. Zoom registration is required. 631-537-9735, info@sofo.org, sofo.org

NORTHWEST WOODS HIKE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 10 A.M.

Enjoy this six-mile tour-de-force of a section of Northwest Woods, including the White Pine Forest and the Grace Estate. The East Hampton Trails Preservation Society will hike beautiful old woods roads and modern single-track trails, and they may even take a detour

to the Whelan Preserve, adjacent to the Grace Estate. Contact walk leader Rick Whalen for meeting place specifics. *Northwest Woods.* richardwhalen@optonline.net, ehtps.org

IN PROCESS: ONLINE @ THE WATERMILL CENTER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 3 P.M.

Join Watermill Center's February artists-in-residence—Brian Belott, Matthew Thurber, Kyoko Hamaguchi and Nicole Pasulka—as they share what they've been working on during their residency. Registration is free but required. watermillcenter.org

WINTER BEER FEST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 6:30–9:30 P.M.

Visit the Long Island Aquarium to enjoy a bevy of beer flights from East End breweries. There will also be a la carte dining and a full bar for those who prefer beverages other than beer. Tickets are \$25. 431 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-208-9200 ext.426, longislandaquarium.com

GHOST HUNTING AT ROGERS MANSION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 7–11:15 P.M.

The sinister specters have returned to Rogers Mansion once again. Join the

crew of the Long Island Paranormal Investigators as they experiment to test various paranormal theories. 17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton. southamptonhistory.org

MONTAUK POINT SEAL HIKES

FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 9 A.M.

A State Park naturalist will lead visitors on a 2–3 hour long leisurely beach walk to an area where up to four species of seals can be observed. Along the hike, hikers will see many winter birds and explore marine geology. Registration is \$4. 2000 Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-2544, parks.ny.gov

PSYCHIC DINNER NIGHT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 6 P.M.

Invite your friends and family to dinner and a private psychic experience with Brenda Lee & Co. Desmond's buffet-style dinner includes salad, entrée, dessert, coffee and soda. Tickets are \$65 per person, including a one-on-one private meeting. 5720 NY-25A, Wading River. 631-846-2335, eastwindlongisland.com

IN CASE YOU HADN'T HEARD

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 8 P.M.

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OUT & ABOUT ON THE EAST END

can Museum, Bay Street Theater's *In Case You Hadn't Heard: A Conversation Between America's Past and Its Promise* is a provocative and unvarnished look at issues surrounding race in America. The evening will include a talkback between the director and the actors, led by Dr. Georgette Grier-Key. baystreet.org

SCULPT & CARDIO DANCE SERIES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 10 A.M.
Join instructor Leisa DeCarlo, a professional and internationally known dancer, for sculpting and cardio using fun dance moves. Zoom registration is free but required. quoguelibrary.org

CREATIVE INTENTIONS III: ART AND TECHNOLOGY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 3:30 P.M.
Join Colin Goldberg, whose art explores the intersection between technology and expressionism, for an enriching virtual discussion hosted by the Pollock-Krasner House. Participants will share their own work related to technology as a tool for creative expression. Zoom registration is required. stonybrook.edu/commcms/pkhouse

IN CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 7 P.M.
Join BookHampton and Roxanne Coady in welcoming Bishop Michael Curry of the Episcopal Church for a virtual conversation about his book *Love Is the Way: Holding On to Hope in Troubling Times*. Registration is free but required. bookhampton.com

TAP ROOM BEER DINNER SERIES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 7 P.M.
Long Ireland is once again teaming up with the Tap Room and Island Time Hospitality Group to dish out a new four-course feast. Each course will be lovingly prepared by the incredible team of chefs that bring your favorite dishes to places like Tap Room, Harbor Crab, Salt Shack and more, perfectly paired with four Long Ireland craft beers. Tickets are \$54 and include a souvenir pint glass. 817 Pulaski Street, Riverhead. 631-403-4303, longirelandbeer.com

TRIVIA THURSDAY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 6 P.M.
Put your thinking cap on and join Greenport Harbor Brewing Company for trivia and beer at their Peconic location. The winner receives a \$25 gift certificate. 42155 Main Road, Peconic. 631-477-1100,



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PECONIC LAND TRUST BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 6 P.M.
The Peconic Land Trust is starting a virtual book club beginning this Thursday. They will be discussing *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants* by Douglas Tallamy. Zoom registration is required. 631-283-3195, events@peconiclandtrust.org, peconiclandtrust.org

PURIM MEGILLAH READING & PURIM STAR WARS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 6 P.M.
Celebrate Purim with Sag Harbor's Temple Adas Israel this Thursday. Listen to a virtual reading of the Megillah and enjoy the return of Purim Star Wars courtesy of the temple's

Humor Group. Zoom registration is required. templeadasisrael.org

STUDENT ART FESTIVAL 2021

NOW THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21.
As a celebration of both Guild Hall's 90th anniversary, and the centennial of the Village of East Hampton, this year's exhibition, *Student Art Festival 2021: PAST-PRESENT-FUTURE*, looks to both the past and an imagined future. 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806, guildhall.org

MY REMBRANDT ON-DEMAND

NOW THROUGH MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.
Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center is offering a chance to stream *My Rembrandt*, a documentary that dives deep into the art world of the



SEE A COLLECTION OF SCULPTOR ARDEN SCOTT'S WORKS AT VSOP PROJECTS

old masters, exploring the motives of its elite. Tickets are \$12. whbpac.org

MINARI SCREENINGS

NOW THROUGH THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

If you missed the sold-out screenings of *Minari*, starring Steven Yeun, at the Hamptons International Film Festival, now is your chance to catch it. Tickets are on sale for nightly 7 p.m. screenings through this Thursday, with a portion of sales benefitting HamptonsFilm. hamptonsfilmfest.org

ARDEN SCOTT EXHIBITION

NOW THROUGH MARCH 7.
Visit the upstairs gallery at VSOP Projects to see five new works by sculptor Arden Scott from her series *Aids of Navigation*. Also on display are four paintings by Rainer Gross in the front room and two works by Jacob Ouillette in the back room. 311 Front Street, Greenport. 631-603-7736, vsopprojects.com

PAINTING, BELOVED EXHIBITION

NOW THROUGH MARCH 7.
Grenning Gallery presents *Painting, Beloved*, an exhibition that explores the "mate as muse" phenomenon. The artists in this exhibition are not only couples in real life, but there are also subtle whispers of their shared intimacy in their paintings as well. 26 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-8469, grenninggallery.com

A COLLECTION EXHIBITION

NOW THROUGH APRIL 10.
William Ris Gallery has extended *A Collection*, giving art lovers more time to marvel at the stunning works on display by John Cino, Jane Hartley, Dawn Lee, Seung Lee, Deborah Lennek, Ro Lohin Will McCarthy, Doug Reina, Roohi Saleem, Jim Stewart and Kevin Wixted. 1291 Main Road, Jamesport. 609-408-5203, williamris.com

SAC STOREFRONT ART PROJECT: INEQUALITY BAKERY

NOW THROUGH JUNE 5.
Southampton Arts Center has unveiled its third window display as part of its exciting mission to fill vacant Southampton village boutiques with art. By creating the *Inequality Bakery*, artist Monica Banks aims to stop passersby in their tracks by reminding them that the occasions we celebrate, such as birthdays and anniversaries, also call to mind all those who could not attend our parties. 53A Jobs Lane, Southampton. southamptonartscenter.org

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FOOD & DRINK

New Disset Chocolate Is So This Season

BY DAVID TAYLOR

The East End got a little bit sweeter this winter when Disset Chocolate opened its virtual doors. Based on the North Fork, the newly founded artisanal small batch chocolate company is helmed by Ursula XVII, a Michelin-trained pastry chef and chocolatier who has envisioned a unique business model akin to the seasonal runway looks at New York Fashion Week.

A New York City native of Catalan heritage, Ursula was trained in the art of sweets at The French Pastry School in Chicago, at Michael White's Michelin-starred Ai Fiori and under European masters Albert Adria, Oriol Balaguer and Jordi Ferrer. She then headed the pastry team at Spain's Ca L'Enric, acted as assistant pastry chef at New York's Mohonk Mountain House and, finally, found herself working alongside local legend Claudia Fleming at the North Fork Table & Inn. And it was Fleming who urged Ursula to take the leap that she had long dreamed of taking.

"She knew that chocolate was my passion and specialty, and she was one of the first people to push me in the direction of doing this more than on the side, that way I could do more custom work, private events and things like that. So it was serendipitous that it happened here," Ursula says. "There's just this call to the North Fork that really reminds me of the Barcelona feel with the vineyards, the water and the wind... Then bring that all together with the spirit of the North Fork—the collaborations, how people support each other, the ingredients, the products, the farm life, everything that grows and comes out of the cultivation and the culture of the North Fork almost embodied everything I had learned and taken from all my experiences."

For the name of her brand, Ursula chose Disset, the Catalan word for 17, her middle name (XVII). And for her debut Signature Collection, she has curated four, nine and 17-piece assortments made from the finest Valrhona chocolate and all-natural ingredients. The \$17 four-piece box of decadent bonbons features banana walnut bread, lemon meringue, raspberry black sesame and mint flavors. The \$34 nine-piece assortment adds hazelnut, coconut almond and apple cider cookie, and the \$59 17-piece box offers a mix of all flavors.

"Banana walnut is one of my favorite bonbons that I've ever created. It sounds very simple but there's something about it, to me, that reminds me of when I first started baking before I knew this would be a career," Ursula says, noting that despite how special it is to her, it and all the other winter 2021 flavors will disappear come summertime.

"This is really where my dream is coming true in the sense that we all love Valentine's Day and all the holidays but those come and go, and I really wanted to curate a business model that reflected how I envision chocolate," she says. "The way we're presenting



(ABOVE) DISSET CHOCOLATE'S SIGNATURE WINTER 2021 COLLECTION. (LEFT) URSULA XVII, FOUNDER OF THE NORTH FORK-BASED BUSINESS.

are subscribed to the Disset newsletter or follow the company on Instagram will gain access to exclusive collections not available on the Disset website. Perhaps the most unique offering Disset Chocolate offers is custom curated chocolate collaborations.

"We do custom boxes in a very fun and interactive way with any client," Ursula explains. "We do have some of the vineyards out here that are working on this with us. It's a fun concept where we use their product in it, we highlight it, and we really want it to be exactly how they want their product to be highlighted whether it's a wine, flowers or even the butcher shop."

These custom boxes will be available at the businesses that commissioned them.

While Ursula is hoping to venture into a brick-and-mortar storefront in the near future, for the time being, chocolate lovers can find Disset Chocolate at pop-ups throughout the season, as well as online, where nationwide shipping and Wednesday North Fork delivery, Orient to Riverhead, are offered. Shipping orders are sent out on Mondays to ensure that chocolates are delivered quickly and that customers get the full freshness and flavor packed into each bonbon.

"Hearing back from people that it's amazing—all this feedback and support that we've been seeing—is humbling, not just rewarding," Ursula says. "It's touching to see in a year like this that people will go out of their comfort zone and support a brand-new brand."

To learn more about Disset Chocolate or to place an order, visit dissetchocolate.com.

it is almost like a fashion line, so we'll be curating two boxes a year, and all the flavors seen in every box will be retired. We'll never see them again, unless somebody really loves one and wants to custom order a bonbon they remember from the past. It keeps me on my toes creatively. These are the ones that are a long time coming, that are special and true to me, so this signature collection will always be a big representation of what I might be going through that year, what I'm influenced by that year, what's going on in the world that year, so I'm definitely very excited about that one."

In addition to the biannual Signature Collection, Disset Chocolate will offer limited-edition holiday collections for Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Christmas and other special days. Those who

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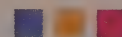
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DAN'S TASTE: FOOD & DRINK

Pastries, Ramen & Hints of New Restaurants

BY HARRY POWERS

CHEF HIGHLIGHT: KELSEY RODEN, EXECUTIVE PASTRY CHEF OF HONEST MAN RESTAURANTS

Kelsey Roden is the executive pastry chef and genius behind all aspects of the dessert programs throughout the Honest Man restaurants, which include Nick & Toni's, Rowdy Hall, La Fondita, Townline BBQ, Coche Comedor and Honest Catering. Roden discovered early on that baking was truly what she loved and wanted to pursue it professionally. For Roden, "baking isn't just about food; it's about the reason we love food—the smells and tastes linked to a lifetime of memories."

After completing the baking and pastry program at Suffolk County Community College, Roden began her professional culinary career at the North Fork Country Club in Cutchogue as

lead baker/pastry cook. Following her position at NFCC, she began working at Nick & Toni's as lead pastry cook/assistant, responsible for the daily production of dessert components, creating custom orders and conducting daily staff training. Her next professional step was as the pastry chef for Big Fish Restaurant Group in Westbury.

In February of 2019, Roden returned to the Honest Man Restaurant Group as their company-wide pastry sous chef, and by May of that year she had transitioned to executive pastry chef.

A workday in Roden's life consists of writing the dessert menus, managing a production kitchen and creating daily specials for all the restaurant properties. If that wasn't enough for Roden's busy schedule, she also finds the time to create specialty cakes and desserts as requested by clients.

Roden enjoys the ever-changing



COURTESY NICK & TONI'S

EXECUTIVE PASTRY CHEF KELSEY RODEN

and fast paced environment of the food industry on the East End. As well as being able to support the local community by highlighting the bounty it provides in her seasonal menus. Choosing to live and work on the East End was an easy choice for Roden.

FOOD NEWS:

Art of Eating welcomes back **EAThampton**, a socially appropri-

ate drive-thru supper club. The Comfort Club will be available to order for \$27.50 Thursday nights, when classic meatloaf or organic buttermilk fried chicken served with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttermilk biscuit and organic vegetable of the day will be offered. Friday is ramen night for \$24—enjoy crescent duck ramen in mushroom broth, shrimp and baby bok choy ramen in vegetable broth or vegetarian udon noodles with tofu, local spinach and mushroom in miso ginger tamari broth. Orders can be placed online at a hamptonsartofeating.com and will be accepted up to noon day-of, though customers are encouraged to place orders early. Pick-up will be between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Art of Eating's Bridgehampton location on 264 Butter Lane. Cool idea!

Speaking of ramen, **Almond** in Bridgehampton now offers Ramen Thursdays and Halal Cart Saturdays. Thursday is all about ramen—the menu changes weekly featuring a selection of ramen such as Malaysian curry chicken ramen and roasted mushroom ramen. Ramen orders must be placed by Wednesday nights and pick-up is on Thursday, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Visit almondrestaurant.com to order. On



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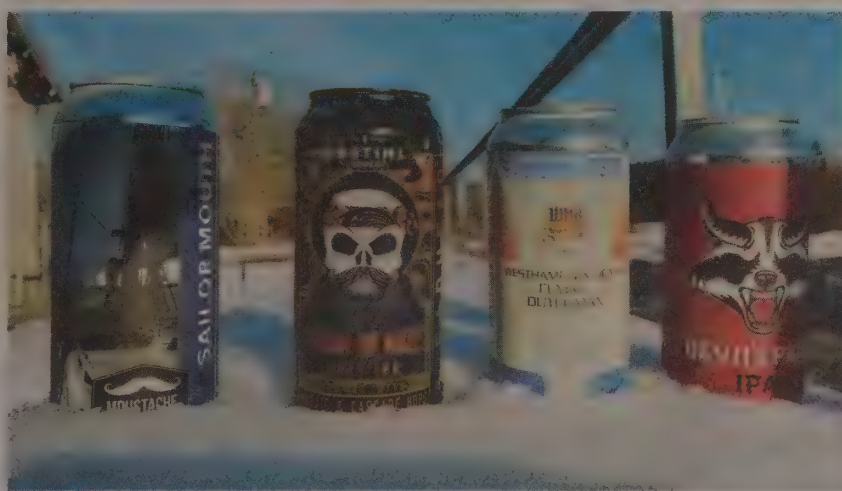
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Saturdays, it's all about kebabs and shawarma for Halal Cart Saturdays. Order by 11 a.m. on Saturday and pick up from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The halal menu is posted weekly with add-ons such as Greek salad, Turkish spiced carrot ginger soup and more. Check them out online for ordering and such. And this just in, Almond now offers cassoulet on Wednesdays. It's the same drill—go to their website and order up!

The Bell & Anchor on Noyack Road just west of Sag Harbor offers weeknight specials Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday beginning at 5:30 p.m. The specials are available for dine-in only. These offerings, subject to change, are as follows: Tuesday is pork Milanese night; get your choice of appetizer and pork Milanese for \$36. Wednesday means lobster night and guests have a choice of appetizer and may order one of the following lobster entrées—old-school lobster garganelli (\$39) which features corn, basil and saffron cream; steamed 1½-pound lobster (\$50) with haricots verts and fingerling potatoes; and butter poached lobster tail with 7-ounce grilled filet mignon (\$55), also served with haricots verts and fingerling potatoes. Thursday is moules frites night,



LOCAL CRAFT BEERS AVAILABLE AT TOWNLINE BBQ

and diners get a choice of appetizer and mussels (\$34), while Sunday is bouillabaisse night (\$40) with a choice of appetizer. For all these specials, one can add dessert for an additional \$6. Visit bellandanchor.com for more information.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

The Golden Pear has a killer chicken pot pie, and so does Iacono Farms on Long Lane in East Hampton ...**Townline BBQ** has curated four packs available for takeout that

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cocktails to go. Besides beer and bottled wine, the eatery offers Meyer lemon cosmos, the beacon ruby rita and the quarantine 30—each cocktail is 16 ounces and serves three. Call Fresno for details or to order at 631-324-8700 ... People are talking about **Red Door Asian Bistro** in Wainscott. Anybody been yet?

WE HEAR THAT:

Duryea's Lobster Deck in Montauk will reopen on May 13 and **Duryea's Orient Point** on May 20 ... There will be a few new restaurants on both forks this season! None of the deals are official yet, but stay tuned for breaking news—we know of at least five.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"We all eat, and it would be a sad waste of opportunity to eat badly."—Anna Thomas, screenwriter, film producer and the author of *The Vegetarian Epicure*, which contributed to the rise of the vegetarian movement of the 1970s.

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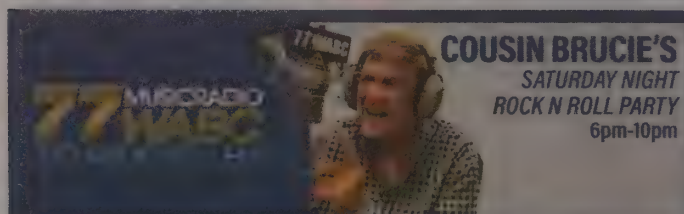
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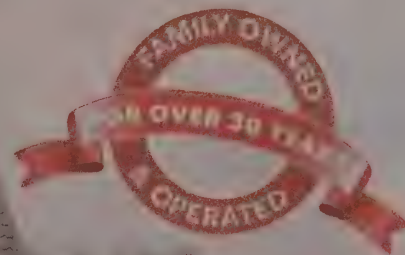
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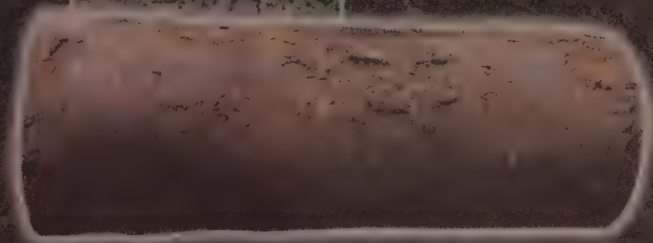


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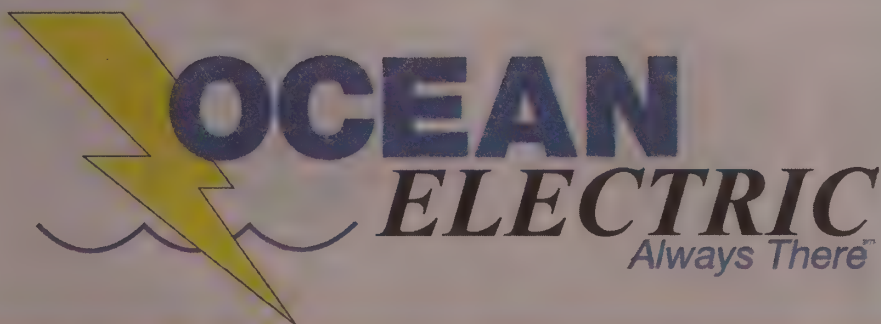
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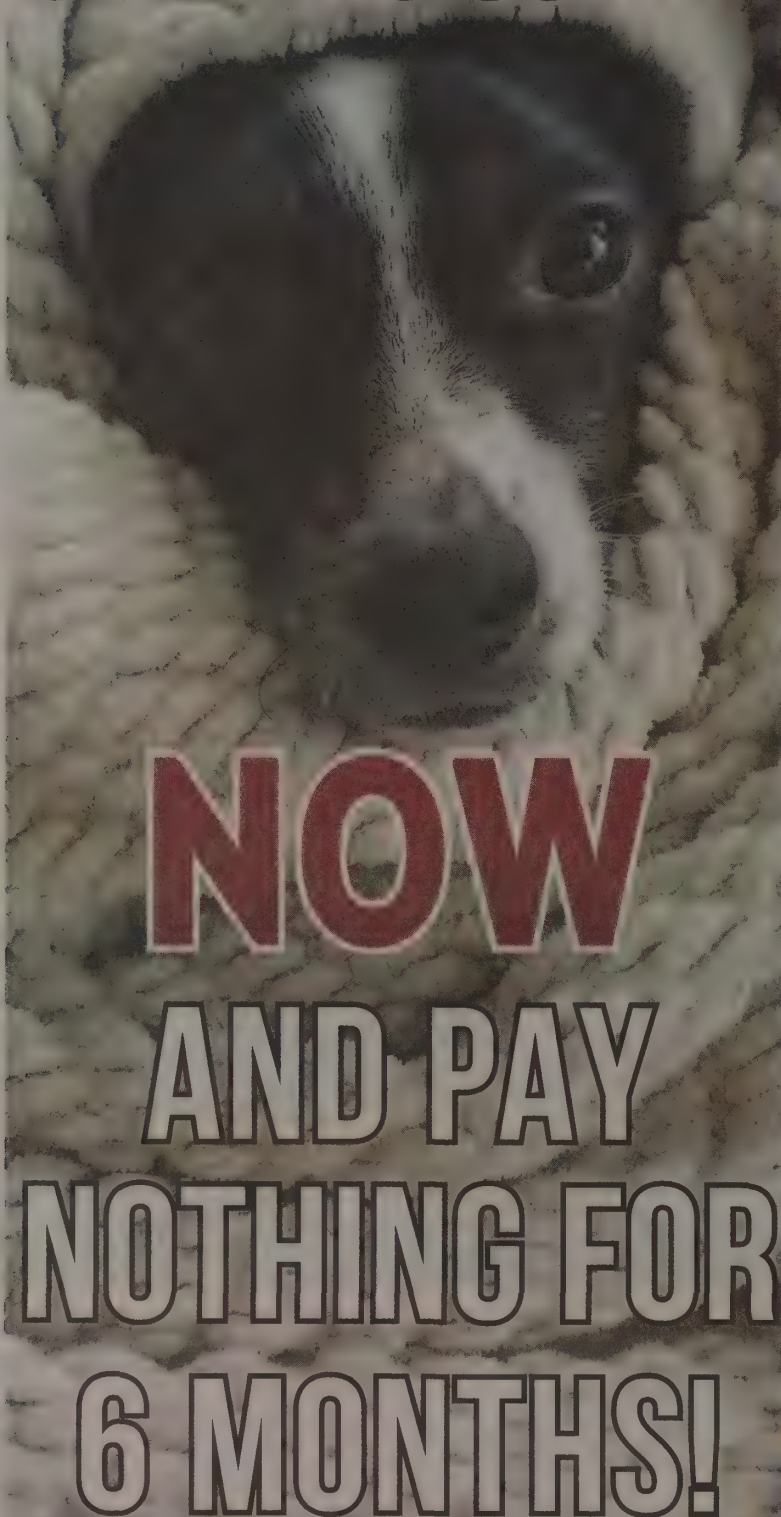


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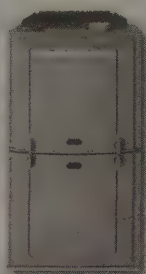
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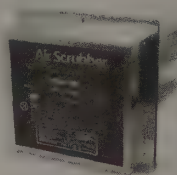
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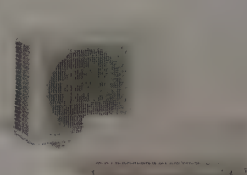
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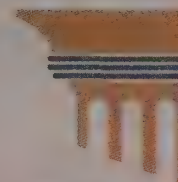


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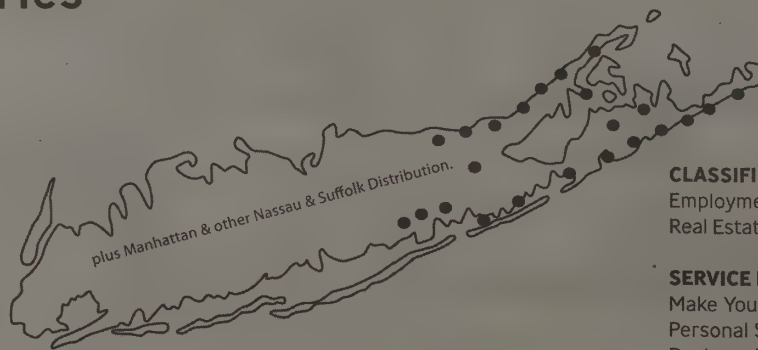
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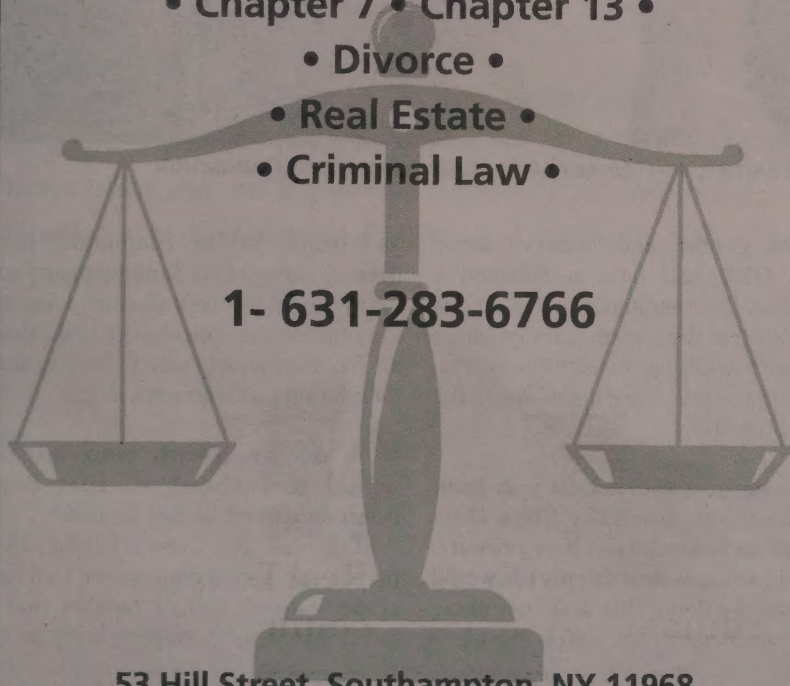


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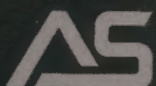
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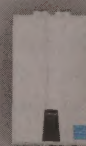
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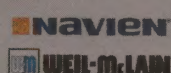
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Julie Ratner

Her Ellen Hermanson Foundation's 'Tickled Pink' Benefit Offers Laughs

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

When Julie Ratner asks the crowd at an Ellen Hermanson Foundation fundraiser to “raise your hand if you, or someone you know, has been affected by breast cancer,” a sea of hands always goes up—an acute reminder that while the treatments for breast cancer have improved in this country, the statistics remain: one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.

To that end, the Ellen Hermanson Foundation (EHF) has been funding programs offering access to breast health care and wellness to women on the East End for over 25 years. Founded by Ratner, in honor of her sister, Ellen (who passed away in 1995 at the age of 42—six years after a diagnosis of Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer), the EHF, along with Ellen Hermanson Breast Center at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, serves a great need on the East. The breast center in Southampton (with satellite diagnostic services in East Hampton and Hampton Bays) provides a wide range of state-of-the-art breast health services. “No person is turned away for lack of funds,” emphasizes Ratner.

Ellen's Run, Ellen's Well—a program that provides psycho-social support to breast and gynecological cancer—and the winter and summer EHF benefits have become mainstays in a community of supporters Ratner describes as “incredibly diverse and kind-hearted.”

We caught up with Julie Ratner as she was preparing for the EHF's winter “Tickled Pink” benefit, on March 6 at 6 p.m. The fundraiser, a “virtual variety show” of comedy and magic, will honor community heroes, salute the “Women of the East End Media” and fund programs at The Center, OLA of Eastern Long Island, The Retreat and the Shinnecock Health Clinic.

This year's Tickled Pink Winter Benefit will be a little different. What can we expect on March 6?

Last February, our Tickled Pink event with comedian Jessica Kirson raised the roof—she was so funny,

people were screaming with laughter, and it was really one of our best events. After the success of our virtual summer benefit, our producer, Christiane Arbesu, suggested a virtual variety show, and with our Executive Director Anne Gomberg, we have a program honoring local heroes and a roster of performers hosted by comedian Michele Balan, who was a finalist on *Last Comic Standing*.

I think it will really move along and be funny and interesting. We have so many dynamic women out here who work in the media—and we are honoring them [Nicole Barylski, *Hamptons.com*; Carissa Katz, *The East Hampton Star*; Bridget LeRoy, WLIW 88.3; Jessica Mackin-Cipro, *James Lane Post*; Kathryn G. Menu, *The Express News Group*; Helen S. Rattray, *The East Hampton Star*; and Victoria Schneps-Yunis and Taylor K. Vecsey, *Dan's Papers*].

The entertainers [Michele Balan, Valerie diLorenzo, Mimi Gonzalez, Marion Grodin, Susan Jeremy, Angela LaGreca, Wendy Liebman, Madeleine The Magician] are so talented, and many of them [including this writer/performer] are breast cancer survivors. And it's a chance to come together and salute our local heroes: Sara Blue, who has done so much for the EHF and Maureen's Haven; artist/activist April Gornik, Sag Harbor Cinema and The Church; Evelyn Ramunno, Sag Harbor Food Pantry; Marguerite A. Smith, Esq., Shinnecock Indian Nation; and Moira Squires, ICU nurse, Founder of Warriors of the East End.

Where will the funds raised from this benefit be directed?

We really try to meet the needs of the community. So many women out here are struggling, so we are becoming focused on women who are underserved and not necessarily getting the care they need ... we have reached out to Loretta Davis at The Retreat, Bonnie Cannon at The Center, Mercedes Barré-Williams at the Shinnecock



JULIE RATNER, CO-FOUNDER OF THE ELLEN HERMANSON FOUNDATION

Health Center, and Minerva Perez from OLA—and have established a collaborative relationship. The goal is to help serve these communities where women are falling through the cracks. Early detection, as we know, is still the best protection.

How do you feel when you look back at how much the Ellen Hermanson Foundation has grown?

I didn't know how full my life would become by doing this and how many extraordinary people and friends I would meet. Susie Roden is an amazing partner, I'm grateful to Vivian Shapiro who prompted the original Ellen's Run, Bob Chaloner who approached us in 2008 about establishing a real facility in my sister's name at the hospital, the band of dedicated women volunteers who make this 'little engine that could' happen, our generous sponsors,

and people in the community like (photographer) Lisa Tamburini and so many others for their support. I am so grateful for the opportunity to do this and to meet people who believe in the foundation and who work at it.

How do you think your sister would feel about all that has been achieved in her honor?

Ellen was the most kind-hearted person—so it's a tribute to her, to have all these people pulling together, making connections, making friends, people who truly care, who want to help each other ... and isn't that what it's all about?

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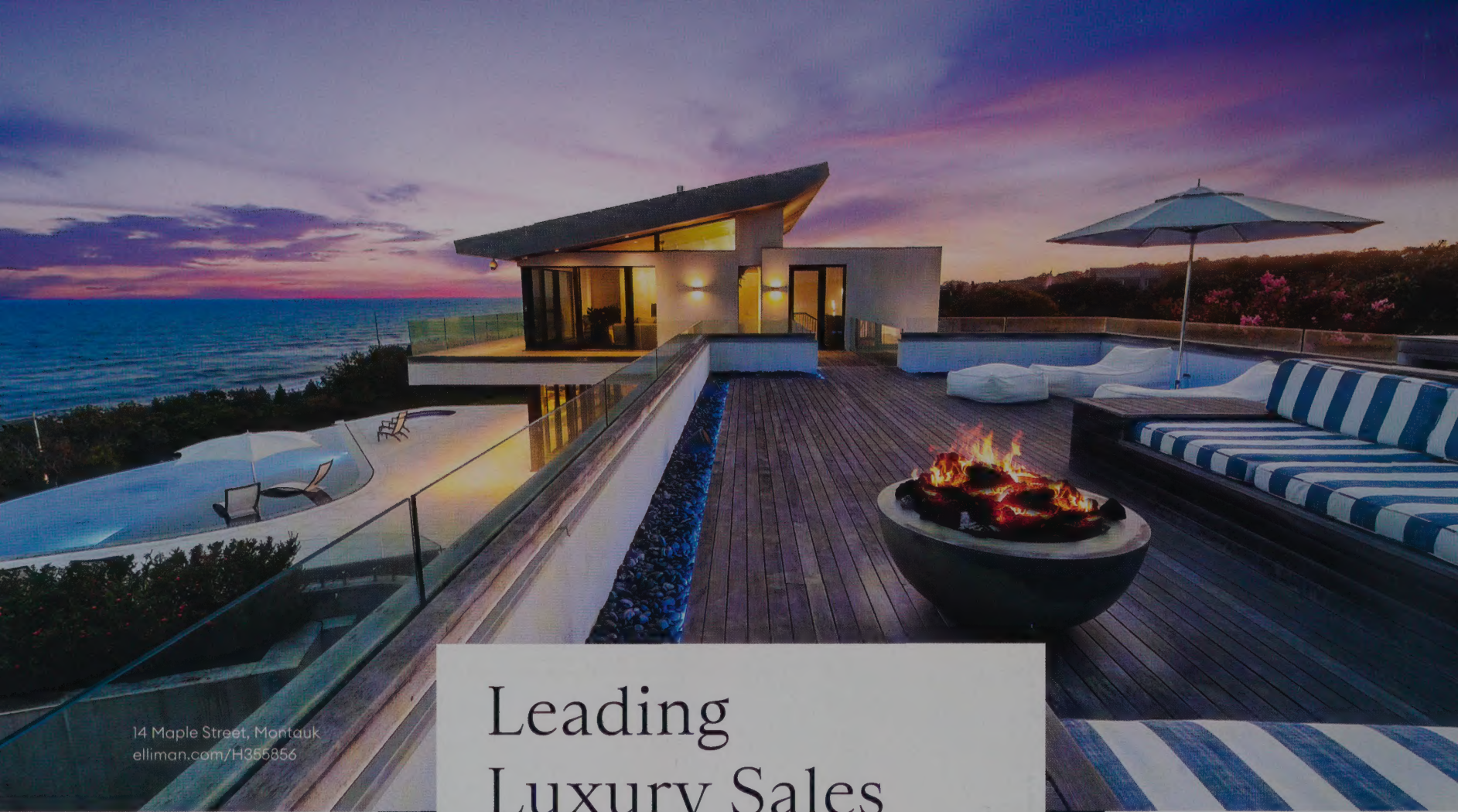
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